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Strategy for the Conduct of Parliamentary Elections 2013: National Assembly

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. Legal Provisions related to Term of Office

1.1. Section 24 of Article 10 of the Constitution provides that:

“The National Assembly and the National Council shall continue for five years from the date of the first sitting of the respective Houses. While the National Council shall complete its five-year term, premature dissolution of the National Assembly may take place on the recommendation of the Prime Minister to the Druk Gyalpo or in the event of a motion of no confidence vote against the Government being passed in the National Assembly or in accordance with section 12 of Article 15.”

1.2. Section 37 of Chapter 6 of the National Assembly Act 2008 provides that:

“At the first sitting after any general election, or when necessary to fill a vacancy, the NA shall elect a Speaker and Deputy Speaker from among its members”

1.3. The date of the First Sitting of the National Assembly, based on the election of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker, is **21st of April 2008**.

1.4. The term of office, being five years from the date of the First Sitting of the House, is from **21st of April 2008** to **20th of April 2013**.

2. Legal Provisions related to Elections

2.1. Section 5 of Article 24 of the Constitution provides that:

“Parliament shall, by law, ensure that the Election Commission holds elections so that the National Assembly and Local Governments are re-constituted within ninety days after its dissolution.

“Provided that in the case of the National Council, elections shall be held so that it is re-constituted on the date of expiry of the term. In the case of the Dzongkhag Tshogdu...”

2.2. National Assembly Elections are to be held for constituting a new National Assembly whenever the duration of the existing National Assembly expires or it is prematurely dissolved.

3. National Assembly Elections 2013

- 3.1. The National Assembly Elections 2013, under the Constitution and Electoral laws, comprises elections to the National Assembly through two rounds of elections namely the Primary Round and the General Elections.
- 3.2. His Majesty The King of Bhutan was Pleased to Issue The Royal Decree, Calling the National Assembly Elections on **20th of April 2013**, with the Primary Round Poll Day on **31st of May 2013** and General Elections Poll Day on **13th of July 2013**.
- 3.3. Election Commission of Bhutan issued the Notification on the Election Schedule on **29th of April 2013**.
- 3.4. The Result Counting shall be done on the same day with the Results Declaration on the day after the Poll Days.

4. National Assembly Demkhongs

- 4.1. The National Assembly Elections shall be conducted in the *Forty Seven* National Assembly *Demkhongs*, the territorial boundaries of which had been notified by the Final Delimitation Order issued for the National Assembly *Demkhongs* vide Order No. DC/CHAIR/2007/637 dated 26th March 2007 and the revised spellings as notified vide Order No. DC/CHAIR/2013/2894 dated 10th of April 2013.
- 4.2. The National Assembly *Demkhongs* are as follows:

Sl. No.	Dzongkhag	National Assembly Demkhong		Gewogs/Thromde	
1	Bumthang	1	Chhoechor_Tang	1	Chhoechor
				2	Tang
				<i>Dzongkhag Thromde</i>	
		2	Chhumig_Ura	3	Chhumig
4	Ura				
2	Chhukha	3	Bongo_Chapchha	5	Bjagchhog
				6	Bongo
				7	Chapchha
				8	Darla
				9	Getana
		4	Phuentshogling	10	Doongna
				11	Geling
				12	Loggchina

				13	Maedtabkha
				14	Phuentshogling
				15	Samphelling
					<i>Dzongkhag Thomde</i>
3	Dagana	5	Drukjeygang_Tseza	16	Drukjeygang
				17	Gozhi
				18	Karna
				19	Khebisa
				20	Largyab
				21	Tseza
				22	Tsangkha
					<i>Dzongkhag Thomde</i>
		6	Lhamoi Dzingkha_Tashiding	23	Karmaling
				24	Dorona
				25	Gesarling
				26	Lhamoi Dzingkha
				27	Nichula
				28	Tashiding
29	Tsenda-Gang				
4	Gasa	7	Khamaed_Lunana	30	Khamaed
				31	Lunana
		8	Khatoed_Laya	32	Khatoed
				33	Laya
					<i>Dzongkhag Thomde</i>
5	Haa	9	Bji_Kar-Tshog_Uesu	34	Bji
				35	Kar-tshog
				36	Uesu
					<i>Dzongkhag Thomde</i>
		10	Sombaykha	37	Gakiling
				38	Samar
				39	Sangbay
6	Lhuentse	11	Gangzur_Minjey	40	Gangzur
				41	Khoma
				42	Kurtoed
				43	Minjey
					<i>Dzongkhag Thomde</i>
		12	Maenbi_Tsaenkhar	44	Jarey
				45	Maenbi
				46	Maedtsho
				47	Tsaenkhar
7	Monggar	13	Dramedtse_Ngatsha ng	48	Balam
				49	Chagsakhar
				50	Dramedtse
				51	Na-Rang
				52	Ngatshang
				53	Shermuhoong
				54	Thang-Rong

		14	Kengkhar_ Weringla	55	Gongdue
				56	Jurmed
				57	Kengkhar
				58	Saling
				59	Silambi
		15	Monggar	60	Chhaling
				61	Drepoons
				62	Monggar
				63	Tsakaling
				64	Tsamang
			<i>Dzongkhag Thomde</i>		
8	Paro	16	Dokar_Sharpa	65	Dokar
				66	Loong-nyi
				67	Nagya
				68	Sharpa
		17	Lamgong_Wangchang	69	Dopshar-ri
				70	Doteng
				71	Hoongrel
				72	Lamgong
				73	Tsento
				74	Wangchang
			<i>Dzongkhag Thomde</i>		
9	Pema Gatshel	18	Khar_Yurung	75	Chhimoong
				76	Chongshing
				77	Dungmaed
				78	Khar
				79	Yurung
		19	Nanong_Shumar	80	Nanong
				81	Shumar
				82	Zobel
					<i>Dzongkhag Thomde</i>
		20	Nganglam	83	Chhoekhorling
84	Dechhenling				
85	Norboogang				
10	Punakha	21	Kabisa_Talog	86	Barp
				87	Guma
				88	Goenshari
				89	Kabisa
				90	Talog
				91	Toepaisa
					<i>Dzongkhag Thomde</i>
		22	Lingmukha_Toedwang	92	Chhubu
				93	Dzomi
				94	Lingmukha
95	Shelnga-Bjemi				
96	Toedwang				
11		23	Dewathang_Gomdar	97	Dewathang

	Samdrup Jongkhar			98	Gomdar		
				99	Orong		
				100	Phuentshogthang		
				101	Wangphu		
					<i>Dzongkhag Thomde</i>		
				102	Langchenphu		
				103	Lauri		
24	Jomotshangkha_Martshala			104	Martshala		
				105	Pemathang		
				106	Samrang		
				107	Serthig		
				108	Duenchhukha		
				109	Dophuchen		
				110	Doomtoed		
12	Samtse	25	Dophuchen_Tading	111	Tading		
				112	Norboogang		
				113	Phuentshogpelri		
				114	Samtse		
			<i>Dzongkhag Thomde</i>				
		27	Tashichhoeling			115	Norgaygang
						116	Pemaling
						117	Tashichhoeling
						118	Tendruk
		28	Ugyentse_Yoeseltse			119	Sang-Ngag-Chhoeling
						120	Namgyalchhoeling
						121	Ugyentse
						122	Yoeseltse
		13	Sarpang	29	Gelegphu	123	Samtenling
124	Chhuzanggang						
125	Gelegphu						
126	Jigme Chhoeling						
127	Serzhong						
128	Tareythang						
129	Umling						
	<i>Dzongkhag Thomde</i>						
30	Shompangkha					130	Dekiling
						131	Chhudzom
		132	Gakiling				
		133	Senggey				
		134	Shompangkha				
14	Thimphu	31	North Thimphu Thomde_Kawang_Lingzhi_Naro_Soe		<i>North Thimphu Thomde</i>		
				135	Kawang		
				136	Lingzhi		
				137	Naro		
				138	Soe		

		32	South Thimphu Thromde_Chang_ Darkarla _Ge-nyen _Maedwang		<i>South Thimphu Thromde</i>		
				139	Chang		
				140	Darkarla		
				141	Ge-nyen		
				142	Maedwang		
15	Trashigang	33	Bartsham_Shongphu	143	Bartsham		
				144	Bidoong		
				145	Yangnyer		
				146	Shongphu		
		34	Kanglung_Samkhar_ Udzorong	147	Kanglung		
				148	Samkhar		
				149	Udzorong		
							<i>Dzongkhag Thromde</i>
		35	Radhi_Sagteng	150	Merag		
				151	Phongmed		
				152	Radhi		
				153	Sagteng		
		36	Thrimshing	154	Kangpar		
				155	Thrimshing		
37	Wamrong	156	Khaling				
		157	Lumang				
16	Trashi Yangtse	38	Boomdeling_Jamkhar r	158	Boomdeling		
				159	Jamkhar		
				160	Tongmajangsa		
				161	Yangtse		
					<i>Dzongkhag Thromde</i>		
		39	Khamdang_Ramjar	162	Ramjar		
				163	Khamdang		
				164	Toedtsho		
				165	Yalang		
17	Trongsa	40	Draagteng_Langthil	166	Draagteng		
				167	Korphu		
				168	Langthil		
		41	Nubi_Tangsibji	169	Nubi		
				170	Tangsibji		
					<i>Dzongkhag Thromde</i>		
18	Tsirang	42	Kilkhorthang_ Mendrelgang	171	Barshong		
				172	Patshaling		
				173	Kilkhorthang		
				174	Mendrelgang		
				175	Rangthangling		
				176	Tsholingkhar		
					<i>Dzongkhag Thromde</i>		
		43		177	Doonglagang		

			Sergithang_Tsirang Toed	178	Gosarling	
					179	Sergithang
					180	Pungtenchhu
					181	Semjong
					182	Tsirang Toed
19	Wangdue Phodrang	44	Athang_Thedtsho	183	Athang	
				184	Bjednag	
				185	Darkar	
				186	Gase Tshogongm	
				187	Gase Tshowogm	
				188	Nahi	
				189	Thedtsho	
				190	Ruebisa	
			<i>Dzongkhag Thomde</i>			
		45	Nyishog_Saephu	191	Dangchhu	
				192	Gangteng	
				193	Kazhi	
				194	Nyishog	
195	Phangyuel					
196	Phobji					
	197	Saephu				
20	Zhemgang	46	Bardo_Trong	198	Bardo	
				199	Nangkor	
				200	Shingkar	
				201	Trong	
					<i>Dzongkhag Thomde</i>	
		47	Panbang	202	Bjoka	
				203	Goshing	
				204	Ngangla	
				205	Phangkar	

PREPARATIONS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

5. Preparatory Activities

- 5.1. The preparations for the Second Parliamentary Elections 2013 were guided principally by the Work Plan and Calendar of Events detailing the various activities, as drawn up at the 3rd ECB Conference in Tsirang in April 2012.
- 5.2. The main groups of preparatory activities for the National Assembly Elections are same as those detailed out in the *Strategy for the Conduct of Parliamentary Elections 2013: National Council*, including those related to the:
 - 5.2.1. Electoral Roll Revisions for the Parliamentary Elections 2013 as well as the intensive and summary revisions and the claims and objections for the National Assembly Elections between **8th to 18th of April 2013**;
 - 5.2.2. Biometric piloting;
 - 5.2.3. Review of Polling Stations;
 - 5.2.4. Voter Education and Electoral Training;
 - 5.2.5. Revision of Handbooks, Rules, Forms, Guidelines;
 - 5.2.6. Political Party/ Candidate related; and
 - 5.2.7. SMS-based election result and voter turn-out reporting.

INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

6. Interim Government

- 6.1. Under Section 1 of Article 19 of the Constitution, an Interim Government shall be appointed by the Druk Gyalpo to enable the Election Commission to hold free and fair elections.
- 6.2. The Appointment of the Interim Government was Commanded by Royal Decree issued on **28th of April 2013**.

7. Local Governments

- 7.1. The Dzongdags of the twenty Dzongkhags, Executive Secretaries of the *Dzongkhag Thromdes* and the Gewog Administrative Officers (GAOs) in the Gewogs shall serve as the Focal Points for all administrative matters related to elections in the Dzongkhags, *Thromdes* and Gewogs respectively during the Election Period.
- 7.2. The Dzongdags, Executive Secretaries and the GAOs shall be responsible in ensuring that their respective jurisdictions are conducive and congenial for the conduct of free and fair Parliamentary Elections 2013 and fulfill the duties as detailed in the *Handbook for Election Coordinators* and respective Appointment Orders.

8. Role of *Midhey Gothrips*

- 8.1. The *Midhey Gothrips*, including the *Dzongkhag Tshogdu* and *Gewog Tshogde* members, in the respective Dzongkhags may inform and educate members of the public on the importance of turning out to vote on the days of poll.
- 8.2. The *Midhey Gothrips* shall not participate, directly or indirectly, or give grounds to reasonably construe support, opposition or dislike of any Candidate contesting the elections.
- 8.3. The *Midhey Gothrips* may be required, in specific cases, to assist in the logistical arrangements for the conduct of elections or during the dispute investigations but they shall not be present in the Polling Stations on the Poll Days except to cast their votes.

REMAINING ABOVE POLITICS AND APOLITICAL

9. Religion, Religious Personalities and Religious Organisations

- 9.1. Under Section 3 of Article 3 of the Constitution, Section 5 of the Religious Organisations Act and Section 184 of the Election Act, religion and religious personalities shall remain above politics, neither engaging in any activities that are directly related to public elections nor being involved in any political activity.
- 9.2. Religious Personalities and/or Religious Organisations shall not participate, directly or indirectly, or give grounds to reasonably construe support, opposition or dislike of any Candidate contesting the elections.
- 9.3. The Election Commission, vide its **Notification No. ECB/CEC-Notif/2012/425** dated **1st of October 2012**, notified of the prohibition of the conduct of religious events involving public gathering starting from **1st of January 2013** until the completion of the Election Period.
- 9.4. Further, during the Election Period, even private religious events particularly the wrathful practices and rituals such as *tordog*, *torphang* etc. will be prohibited in particular by the candidates, leaders and/or their representatives and supporters.
- 9.5. Religious Personalities shall neither vote in the elections nor participate, directly or indirectly, or give grounds to reasonably construe support, opposition or dislike of any Candidate contesting the elections.

10. Civil Servants

- 10.1. Section 1 of Article 26 of the Constitution provides for “an independent and apolitical civil service”.
- 10.2. The Civil Service Act of Bhutan, under Section 38, specifies that a civil servant shall not (a) be eligible to be a candidate for any election conducted under the electoral laws of the Kingdom or hold any paid or unpaid post in any political party; (b) canvass for the political party or any candidate in an election conducted under the electoral laws of the Kingdom. Further, Section 97.2 defines “Apolitical” as meaning not being linked with political parties or engaged in any political activities.
- 10.3. The civil servants shall cast their votes either in person at the designated Polling Stations or by Postal Ballot. However, no civil servant shall participate, directly

or indirectly, or give grounds to reasonably construe support, opposition or dislike of any Candidate contesting the elections.

10.4. Specifically, the civil servants shall not attend any campaign events, meetings, *Zomdus*, etc. as they will have ample access to information on the Candidates contesting the elections through the various State financed campaign materials and mass media communications except for those civil servants on election duty required to observe or monitor such events.

11. Civil Society Organisations/Non-Governmental Organisations

11.1. Under Section 7 of the Civil Society Organisation Act 2007, the CSOs are required to refrain and neither engage in any activities directly related to public elections nor be involved in political activity.

11.2. Accordingly, no NGOs or CSOs shall participate, directly or indirectly, or give grounds to reasonably construe support, opposition or dislike of any Candidate contesting the elections.

THE ELECTION SCHEDULE

12. Election Schedule

12.1. The Schedule of dates and time for the National Assembly Elections 2013 shall, as notified to the general public vide **ECB/Notif-01/2013/3403** dated **29th of April 2013**, is as presented in **Table 1** below:

Table 1: Election Schedule for the Parliamentary Elections 2013: National Assembly

Sl. No.	Event	Date
1	Issue of Royal Decree Calling the National Assembly Elections and setting the process in motion	28th of April 2013
2	ECB Notification on the National Assembly Election Schedule	29th of April 2013
3	Registered Political Parties to commence submission of Letter of Intent to contest Primary Round	
4	Eligible Postal Voters to start submitting application for Postal Ballot to respective Returning Officer	
5	Last date for submission of the Letter of Intent by registered Political Parties	5th of May 2013
6	Scrutiny of Letter of Intent by the Election Commission	6th of May 2013
7	Start of Application for Election Campaign Fund by Political Parties	
8	Commencement of the Election Campaign	
9	Release of the Election Campaign Fund	7th of May 2013
10	Last date for withdrawal from the Elections	5 p.m. 8th of May 2013
11	Returning Officer to start sending/ mailing Postal Ballot	
12	Last date/ time for receipt of Application for Postal Ballots by Returning Officer	
13	First Public Debate for the Primary Round: Ideology	10th of May 2013
14	Second Public Debate for the Primary Round: Issue-based	
15	Start of the Common Forum in all 47 <i>Demkhongs</i>	11th of May 2013
16	End of Election Campaign	9 a.m. 29th of May 2013
17	Last day/ time for receiving Postal Ballots	5 p.m. 30th of May 2013
18	Primary Round Poll Day	31st of May 2013

19	Counting of Results	
20	Declaration of Results & Submission of the Results to His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo	1st of June 2013
21	Start Filing of Nominations by Candidates of the 2 Parties securing highest and second highest total votes in the Primary Round	
22	Last Date for Filing of Nominations by Candidates of the 2 Parties securing highest and second highest total votes in the Primary Round	11th of June 2013
23	Scrutiny of Nominations of Candidates	12th of June 2013
24	Candidates start submitting Application for Election Campaign Fund	
25	Commencement of the Election Campaign	
26	Release of the Election Campaign Fund by ECB	13th of June 2013
27	Last date for withdrawal of Candidature	14th of June 2013
28	Returning Officer to start sending Postal Ballot to Postal Voters	
29	Last date of receipt of Application for Postal Ballots by Returning Officer (in case of change in postal address from the Application submitted for the Primary Round)	
30	End of Election Campaign	9 a.m. 11th of July 2013
31	Last day/ time for receiving Postal Ballots	5 p.m. 12th of July 2013
32	General Elections Poll Day	13th of July 2013
33	Counting of Results	
34	Declaration of Results & Submission of the Results to His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo	14th of July 2013
35	Start of Election Petition Period	
36	Issuance of the Certificate of Election	19th of July 2013
37	Completion of Election Petition Period	26th of July 2013

ELECTION OFFICIALS

13. Media Arbitrator

- 13.1. The senior and competent Officer from the public service appointed as the Media Arbitrator for the National Council Elections 2013 by the Election Commission shall be re-appointed to continue in the post and serve for the National Assembly Elections 2013. He is vested with the authority and have the responsibility to fulfill the roles and responsibilities as provided in the Electoral Laws, rules, regulations and the Appointment Order.
- 13.2. The Media Unit, headed by the Spokesperson for the Commission, shall provide all necessary support to the Media Arbitrator.
- 13.3. The Media Arbitrator's Office shall have the capacity to monitor as well as handle social media disputes besides the other media related responsibilities.

14. Chief Election Coordinators

- 14.1. The Dzongdags of the respective Dzongkhags shall continue to serve as the Chief Election Coordinators, responsible to ensure the participation of the electorate and coordination of different electoral stakeholders for conduct of free and fair elections and for carrying out the roles, responsibilities and duties in their respective areas as provided in the Electoral Laws and elaborated in the Appointment Orders.
- 14.2. The Dzongrabs/ *Dungpas*/ Executive Secretaries of the *Dzongkhag Thromdes* shall continue to serve as the Deputy Chief Election Coordinators and Gewog Administrative Officers (GAOs) as the Assistant Chief Election Coordinators to assist the Chief Election Coordinator in the respective Dzongkhag, Dungkhang, Thromdes and Gewogs.

15. National Observers

- 15.1. The Election Commission shall appoint 47 National Observers, one in each of the 47 *National Assembly Demkhongs*. The 20 National Observers and 27 Micro Observers appointed for the National Council Elections shall continue to serve in the respective places of posting for the National Assembly Elections as the National Observers of the 47 *Demkhongs* unless otherwise appointed by the Election Commission.

- 15.2. A Committee of ECB Officers chaired by the Director of the ECB shall select and recommend the officials to be appointed as National Observers for appointment by the Chief Election Commissioner.
- 15.3. The Observers shall be responsible to exercise the authority, roles and responsibilities of a National Observer fully as provided in the Electoral Laws, rules, regulations and, in particular, the *Guidelines for Election Observation of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2012* and the Appointment Orders.
- 15.4. The National Observers shall be fully accountable to observe and report on the election procedures and Election Code of Conduct being followed and abided by all responsible or involved in the electoral process.
- 15.5. An Observer must refrain from undertaking any duty or responsibility that is not legally assigned to the post under the Laws or Orders.
- 15.6. An Observer shall refrain from interfering/advising/executing any tasks other than those specifically mandated in their respective appointment orders.
- 15.7. An Observer shall record observations, including on the Poll Day, and submit the required Reports promptly as per the Format in **Annexure 1**.

16. Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers

- 16.1. The Election Commission shall appoint 47 Returning Officers, one in each of the 47 *National Assembly Demkhongs*. The 20 Returning Officers and 27 Assistant Returning Officers who were appointed for the National Council Elections shall continue to serve in the respective places of posting for the National Assembly Elections as the Returning Officers of the 47 *Demkhongs* unless otherwise appointed by the Election Commission.
- 16.2. 6 Assistant Returning Officers, one each in in *Sombaykha Demkhong* of Haa Dzongkhag, *Kengkhar_Weringla Demkhong* of Monggar Dzongkhag, *Lhamoi Dzingkha_Tashiding Demkhong* of Dagana Dzongkhag and *Jomotshangkha_Martshala Demkhong* of Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag shall be appointed by the Election Commission to assist the respective Returning Officers of these 4 *Demkhongs*, one in the Permanent Mission of Bhutan, New York and one in ECB Head Office to efficiently handle the postal ballots of the overseas Postal Voters other than the United States of America and remote areas in the country.

- 16.3. A Committee of ECB Officers chaired by the Director of the ECB shall select and recommend the officials to be appointed as Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers by the Chief Election Commissioner.
- 16.4. The Returning Officer shall be the overall-supervisor in the actual conduct of elections in the respective *Demkhongs*.
- 16.5. A Returning or Assistant Returning Officer shall be vested with the authority, roles and responsibilities and fully accountable as per the provisions in the Electoral Laws, Rules, Regulations, *Handbook for Returning Officers*, and the Appointment Order issued by the Election Commission.
- 16.6. The Office of the Returning Officer shall be located outside the Dzong and in an accessible and convenient site. Similarly, the venue of the election events shall be, as far as possible, at locations that do not require the wearing of the *kabney* and *pata*.

17. Presiding & Polling Officers

- 17.1. Returning Officers shall be responsible to appoint the Presiding and Polling Officers selected, in consultation with the respective Election Coordinators, from amongst dependable and competent government officials from those working within the same Dzongkhag, if available.
- 17.2. A Returning Officer shall ensure that Presiding and Polling Officers are appointed or their place of duty designated taking into account the minimum travel time required to reach the respective Polling Station but not earlier than three days before the day of Poll i.e. not before **27th of May 2013** in case of the Primary Round and not before **9th of July 2013** in case of the unless otherwise required by the Election Commission.
- 17.3. A Presiding or Polling Officer shall be vested with the authority, roles and responsibilities and fully accountable as per the provisions in the Electoral Laws, rules, regulations and the *Handbooks for Presiding and Polling Officers*.
- 17.4. A Presiding Officer will be the overall in-charge of a Polling Station.
- 17.5. A Presiding Officer will be assisted by a team of Polling Officers in ensuring smooth polling at the Polling Station.

18. Counting Supervisors & Counting Assistants

18.1. The Returning Officers shall authorize the Presiding Officer and a Polling Officer in a Polling Station to function as the Counting Supervisor and the Counting Assistant to count the results after the close of Poll.

18.2. Counting Supervisors shall be vested with the authority, roles and responsibilities as per the provisions in the Electoral Laws, rules, regulations and the *Handbook for Counting Supervisor* and Counting Assistants.

19. Authorization to Record Evidence

19.1. In particular the general public shall be notified and made aware that election officials are authorized to photograph, videograph or otherwise record all and any election event which may be used as legal evidence in an election dispute.

20. Assignment of Duty Stations

20.1. An officer considered for appointment as a National Observer, Micro-Observer, Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, Presiding Officer, Polling Officer, Counting Supervisor or Counting Assistant must point out to the authority concerned in case he/she is being placed in the *Dzongkhag* where his/her *Gung* or *Mitsi* is registered for appropriate action.

21. Number of Election Officials to be Appointed

21.1. The deployment of Election Officials for the National Assembly Elections shall be as in **Table 2** below:

Table 2: Number of Election Officials to be Deployed

Sl. No.	Post	Nos.	Remarks
1	Chief Election Coordinators	20	Besides other responsibilities, the CECs shall also serve on the Dzongkhag Dispute Settlement Bodies (DEDSB)
2	Dy. Chief Election Coordinators	39	
3	Assistant Chief Election Coordinators	205	
4	DEDSB Members	40	Dzongkhag Legal Officer and a senior sector head besides the DzEOs and the CECs
5	National Observers	47	The officials appointed for National

6	Returning Officers	47	Council Elections shall continue in the same place of posting One ARO placed in PMB, New York One ARO in ECB Head Office
7	Assistant Returning Officers	6	
8	Presiding Officers	850	Presiding Officers authorised as Counting Supervisors & a Polling Officer as Counting Assistant for the Result Counting immediately after the Polls
9	Polling Officers	2,550	
10	Polling Assistants	850	
11	Media Arbitrator	1	Continuing from the National Council Elections
12	Social Media Monitor	1	Attached to the Media Arbitrator's Office, continuing from the National Council Elections
13	Legal Officers	4	1 at Media Arbitrator's Office and 3 for CEDSB, continuing from the National Council Elections
Total		4660	Not including the ECB staff and security personnel

22. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- 22.1. An Election Official shall declare any relationship that could lead to an actual or perceived conflict of interest with his/her duties as an Election Officer and a decision taken thereof by the appointing authority shall be valid.

23. Dzongkhag Election Officers

- 23.1. The Dzongkhag Election Office and its officers shall be responsible to assist and advice the respective Chief Election Coordinators and Returning Officers and backstop the Election and Polling officials in the conduct of the Elections.

SECURITY

24. Security Personnel

- 24.1. The Royal Bhutan Police (RBP) shall be responsible to provide security to places and personnel on election duty during the Parliamentary Elections 2013 particularly at every polling station as per the *Election Security Rules and Regulations of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2012*.
- 24.2. The RBP in consultation with the Dzongkhag/ Gewog authorities shall carry out an assessment of the security threat level of each Polling Station and determine the required level of security personnel including deployment of female personnel required to frisk female voters.
- 24.3. The RBP may consider deploying the Volunteer Community Police Force for the frisking duty at Polling Stations.
- 24.4. The RBP shall be responsible for liaising with the Royal Bhutan Army (RBA) towards provision of adequate security for the safe conduct of the Elections.
- 24.5. The RBP shall designate one senior officer as the Election Security Coordinator to liaise between the RBP, RBA and the Election Commission of Bhutan.
- 24.6. The Security Coordinator in each Dzongkhag shall be responsible to participate in the Coordination Meetings held in each Dzongkhag and provide security support as may be found necessary for the entire election period for election places and officials.
- 24.7. The Security Coordinator shall make a courtesy call on the Chief Election Coordinator on arrival at the place of his/her appointment.
- 24.8. Security shall be given particular emphasis during the Common Forum, Public Debates, dispute resolution, 48 hours reflection time before the Polls, Poll Day and Result Declaration.

If and when necessary, the RBP shall have the authority and power to detain any person found responsible for creating trouble or disturbance that is reasonably concluded to undermine the safety and security of conduct of an electoral event exercising the power and authority provided under Section 38 of the Election Act.

- 24.9. The RBP shall assess and consider provision of adequate security of the ECB Offices, both Head Office as well as the Dzongkhag Offices, to ensure that no untoward incidents occur to compromise the integrity or hamper the smooth operations of the elections.
- 24.10. An officer/personnel of the RBP or RBA considered for election security duty must point out to the authority concerned in case he/she is being deployed in the *Dzongkhag* where his/her *Gung* or *Mitsi* is registered for appropriate action.

25. Security Coordination and Searches

- 25.1. The Election Security Officers of a *Dzongkhag* shall work in close coordination and cooperation with the election officers as a team towards conducting the elections smoothly.
- 25.2. The local administration or election security personnel must deal appropriately and reasonably with any sign or incidence of potential for violence or disruption at a polling station, place of counting etc. by any individual or group, and the Commission intimated immediately for further advice and direction.
- 25.3. Party Leaders/Candidates/Supporters and persons not belonging or ordinarily residing in a *Demkhong* should move out of the *Demkhong* at the end of the Campaign Period and before the Poll Day unless otherwise authorized by the Election Commission.
- 25.4. The Returning Officer must in collaboration with the election security personnel conduct surprise joint inspections of persons, vehicles and properties at entry points and within a *Demkhong* to prevent or check movement of unauthorized persons, voters from other *Demkhongs* and not residing in the area, documents, money, alcohol, arms and ammunitions and other restricted items.

26. Sealing of the International Border

- 26.1. The Royal Bhutan Police shall, wherever relevant, make arrangements for the sealing of the international borders for the poll period to ensure smooth conduct of the Elections.

VOTER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

27. Voter Education and Training

- 27.1. A comprehensive general voter education and training programme, the *General Electoral Education Programme (GEEP) for Parliamentary Elections 2013* has been implemented from September 2012 to January 2013 as well as during the National Council *Zomdus* to prepare the voters to take part in the Elections effectively.
- 27.2. Specific Voter Information shall be disseminated further through various media at regular intervals and points of time.
- 27.3. The training of the Returning Officers and Observers as well as briefing session of the 20 Dzongdags and Security Coordinators were already conducted in February 2013. It has been particularly emphasized that no election activity should be taken for granted. Towards this, the system of checklist and double checking shall be maintained and strictly applied no matter how confident an officer may feel to eliminate any scope for error.
- 27.4. The officers to be engaged on election duty in the Elections shall be similarly briefed to handle all situations at the time of elections with minimum supervision.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES BY CANDIDATES

28. Election Representatives

- 28.1. A Political Party, in the Primary Round, may appoint the Candidate-designate listed in its Letter of Intent or a person meeting the criteria for elections to Local Government or as a voter to be its election representative in a *Demkhong* and perform functions in connection with the election as authorized and required under the Electoral Laws.
- 28.2. A Candidate, in the General Elections, may appoint a person meeting the criteria for elections to Local Government or as a voter to be his/her election representative and perform functions in connection with the election as authorized under the Electoral Laws.
- 28.3. The appointments of the representatives shall be made in the manner prescribed under the Electoral Laws and formally communicated to the concerned Returning Officer.

29. Polling and Counting Representatives

- 29.1. The Election Representative or Candidate is entitled to appoint one or more registered voters from a respective *Demkhong* as the Polling Representative for each Polling Station to perform functions in connection with the election and authorized under the Electoral Laws but only one of the representatives shall be present in the Polling Station at any point of time.
- 29.2. The Election Representative or Candidate may appoint a Counting Representative to be present at the counting of votes in the Polling Stations-cum-Counting Centers and the Counting Center setup in a Returning Officer's jurisdiction.
- 29.3. The appointments of the representatives shall be made in the manner prescribed under the Electoral Laws and formally communicated to the concerned Returning Officer.
- 29.4. No person other than a person lawfully appointed shall relay the results from a Counting Centre to the media or any third party.

ELECTORAL ROLL AND VOTER PHOTO IDENTITY CARD (VPIC)

30. Electoral Roll

30.1. The Final Electoral Roll, which is inclusive and error-free, issued by the Department of Electoral Registration and Boundary Delimitation, Election Commission of Bhutan, shall be the sole document for reference on the voters' information.

30.2. The qualifying date shall, in relation to the preparation of the Electoral Roll for the National Assembly Elections, be the **1st of April 2013**.

As such, those who are not younger than eighteen years of age as on **1st of April 2013** shall be deemed to meet the minimum age requirement to be a voter.

Similarly, those whose *Mitsi* was registered in a *Demkhong* on or before **31st of March 2012** shall be deemed to meet the legal requirement of minimum one year to vote and stand as a Candidate in that *Demkhong*.

30.3. The Draft Electoral Roll was issued on **8th of April 2013**, for public inspection and to invite the public to file Claims and Objections by **18th of April 2013**.

30.4. The Electoral Roll shall be frozen as of **30th of April 2013**, providing for the temporary embargo on entries in the Electoral Roll for a period of thirty days before the date of poll.

30.5. The Final Electoral Roll shall be divided into Voters' List for each Polling Station.

30.6. The Final Electoral Roll shall be appropriately broken up into Eligible Postal Voters' Lists for each Dzongkhag and Voters' Lists for each Polling Station and made available to the Returning Officers latest by **7th of May 2013**.

30.7. The same copy of the Electoral Roll shall be used for the Primary Round as well as the General Elections. Polling Officer 1, for the Primary Round, shall mark a tick (✓) against the name of the voter in the Voter's List and put a slash mark on it (✗) for the General Elections.

30.8. The RO shall mark "**PB-PR**" for indicating issuance of Postal Ballot for the Primary Round against the name of a Postal Voter, instead of striking-through. Similarly, for the General Elections, the RO shall mark "**PB-GE**." The voters

against whose names the letters “**PB-PR**” or “**PB-GE**” are marked shall not be eligible to vote in person in the Polling Stations on the respective Poll Days, as they would have been issued Postal Ballots by the ROs.

30.9. A copy of the final Electoral Roll for the respective *Demkhong* shall also be made available to the Parties contesting the elections by **14th of May 2013**. The same copy should also be used for the General Elections by the Candidates contesting in the General Elections.

30.10. The Electoral Roll shall be authorized for use only for electoral purposes.

31. Voter Photo Identity Card (VPIC)

31.1. The VPIC issued by the Election Commission shall be the valid document for identification of voters at the polling stations during the Elections.

31.2. All voters must also carry with them the Citizenship Identity Card issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs. In the event of any dispute related to the identity, the Citizenship Identity Card can form the basis for taking decision by the Presiding Officer.

31.3. Voter identity verification in 30 pilot Polling Stations which are the larger polling stations in the 20 Dzongkhags shall be aided through the use of the biometrics to reduce waiting time in the queue.

31.4. The Department of Electoral Registration and Boundary Delimitation and the Dzongkhag Electoral Authorities shall ensure that all Bhutanese who are eligible to be registered as voters are being given adequate opportunity to do so and are issued/distributed their individual VPIC with due diligence and processing.

31.5. The Department along-with the respective Dzongkhag Election Offices shall take the lead in the VPIC printing and distribution programme. The Dzongkhag Election Offices shall continue to distribute VPICs even up to the Poll Day with those not collected being made available at the respective Polling Stations.

**LETTER OF INTENT, QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF CANDIDATES,
NOMINATION PAPERS, FILING OF NOMINATION AND SCRUTINY**

32. Primary Round: Letter of Intent

- 32.1. A registered Political Party wishing to contest the Primary Round of the National Assembly Elections shall file the Letter of Intent (**LoI**), including all the documents as in **Annexure 2**, within the last date specified in the Election Schedule, i.e. **5th of May 2013** at the Office of the Director, ECB Head Office, Thimphu.
- 32.2. The date and time of receipt of the LoI shall be recorded and signed by the Director or Officer authorized to receive it.
- 32.3. Within the Election Commission of Bhutan, the Letter of Intent shall be first reviewed by the Sub-Committee of the Election Commission for Political Party Registration the submission for compliance with the requirements under the Laws including any others that may have been required of a Political Party by the Election Commission at the time of party registration or review of the annual accounts.
- 32.4. The Sub-Committee shall, on **6th of May 2013**, the day of Scrutiny specified in the Election Schedule, submit its findings and recommendation to the full Commission for its final scrutiny and decision on acceptance or rejection of the Letter of Intent as filed by the registered Political Parties.
- 32.5. The Commission shall immediately notify the public on its decision with regard to the acceptance or rejection of the Letter of Intent as filed by the registered Political Parties.
- 32.6. The Ballot Paper for the Primary Round shall be prepared by the Department of Elections, with the name and symbol of the contesting Parties, and forwarded by email to all the Returning Officers for their use in issuance of the Postal Ballots and commissioning of the EVMs.
- 32.7. The Election Campaign Fund to the contesting Political Parties shall be released at the earliest possible upon receipt of the Application for the Fund from the Parties.

33. General Elections: Qualification of Candidates

- 33.1. A person shall, as per Section 178 of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan 2008, be qualified to be a candidate or a member of Parliament, if he/she is:
- 33.1.1. A citizen of Bhutan as evidenced by the Citizenship Identity Card;
 - 33.1.2. A Registered Voter of that *Demkhong* as of **1st of April 2012**;
 - 33.1.3. Of the minimum age of twenty-five years and not more than maximum age of sixty-five years at the time of filing the nomination; and
 - 33.1.4. Minimum Formal University Degree.

34. Disqualification of Candidates

- 34.1. Care must also be taken to take into consideration the disqualifications that have been provided under Section 179 of the Election Act 2008 which provides that a person shall be disqualified as a candidate or a member holding an elective office under the Constitution, if he/she:
- 34.1.1. Has been convicted for any criminal offence and sentenced to imprisonment;
 - 34.1.2. Has been found guilty of corrupt practice at an election;
 - 34.1.3. Has been dismissed or removed from public service or the corporate sector;
 - 34.1.4. Has failed to lodge account of election expenses within the time and in the manner required by law and has no good reason or justification for the failure;
 - 34.1.5. Has solicited or resorted to any form of fund raising for campaigning in an election to Parliament or Local Governments from private individuals or any agency.
 - 34.1.6. Is married to a person who is not a citizen of Bhutan;
 - 34.1.7. Has been accused of felony in a pending case and the competent Court has taken cognisance and charges have been framed against him/her;
 - 34.1.8. Is in arrears of taxes or other dues to government;

- 34.1.9. Has an existing contract with the government which has not been fully performed;
 - 34.1.10. Is working as a civil servant;
 - 34.1.11. Holds any office of profit as prescribed under Chapter 9 of the Election Act; or
 - 34.1.12. Is so disqualified under the Election Act 2008.
- 34.2. The criteria have been further elaborated in the Rules, Regulations, Guidelines Interpretation and Strategy for Implementation documents.

35. Nomination Papers

- 35.1. A Candidate nominated by the two Parties with the highest total votes in the Primary Round is required to submit his/her Nomination Papers to contest the General Elections in the *Demkhong* with the respective Returning Officer.
- 35.2. The Nomination Papers must be complete, signed and countersigned as required and include, in the prescribed forms (as provided in this Strategy document as **Annexure 3** and also available in the *Handbook for Returning Officers*), the following:
 - 35.2.1. **Returning Officer Form No. 5A:** Nomination Paper for Candidate Contesting National Assembly Election with the necessary attachments;
 - 35.2.2. **Returning Officer Form No. 6:** Notice of Endorsement of Nomination of the Candidate *General Elections to National Assembly*;
 - 35.2.3. **Returning Officer Form No. 7 - General (G10) Affidavit of Candidate (Election):** Affidavit from a Royal Court of Justice including Non-Criminal Conviction Record-Cum-Clearance from the respective Court of Law that he/she has not been accused of felony in a pending case, taken cognisance by a Court of Law and charges framed;
 - 35.2.4. Asset Declaration Form No. 3;
 - 35.2.5. Tax Clearance Certificate;

- 35.2.6. Audit Clearance Certificate;
- 35.2.7. Security Clearance (for Elections);
- 35.2.8. Marriage Certificate, if married;
- 35.2.9. Letter of Attestation from the Royal University of Bhutan, endorsing the Formal University Degree Certificate; and
- 35.2.10. Relieving order issued by Head of the Ministry/ Department/Agency (if relevant).

35.3. The Affidavit, as in **Returning Officer Form No. 7**, shall be signed by the concerned the Drangpon of the Dzongkhag Court of Justice who shall also be responsible to check from the Court records that the aspiring candidate has not been convicted and received a sentence of imprisonment or does not have a pending criminal case registered against him/her in any Court of Law as required under the Electoral Laws.

35.4. All who sign and countersign the documents shall be held responsible and answerable for the correctness of the facts.

35.5. The general public had been advised through **Notification No. ECB/Notif-01/2013/2290** dated **5th of February 2013** that all voters interested in contesting the Parliamentary Elections 2013 as a Candidate should start processing the necessary clearances and documents.

36. Filing of Nomination

36.1. The candidate shall complete and file with the concerned Returning Officer, on or before **11th of June 2013**, the last date of nomination, all the required nomination documents, as outlined above, signed and countersigned as required.

37. Scrutiny of Nominations

37.1. The scrutiny of nominations shall be done by the Returning Officer of the respective *Demkhongs* on the day immediately following the last date for Filing of Nominations i.e. on **12th of June 2013**, in accordance with the Electoral Laws, Rules and Regulations while keeping the Election Commission informed on the candidatures and scrutiny.

37.2. The respective Returning Officers shall undertake the scrutiny of the Nomination

Papers filed by the Candidates under intimation to the Election Commission.

- 37.3. The cross-checking of Asset Declarations shall be in line with the *Strategy for Evaluation of the Asset Declaration of the Candidates Contesting Elections, 2012* and the *Guidelines for Implementation of Sections 163-174 of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2008 relating to Office of Profit, 2012* issued by the Election Commission.
- 37.4. The screenshot (webpage) displaying the approved status of the Security Clearance, specified for election purposes can be printed out and the copy made available during the selection *Zomdu* as well as provided to a Returning Officer at the time of submission of nomination papers.
- 37.5. Audit Clearance may be obtained as per the system put in place by the Royal Audit Authority and the print out copy submitted at the time of submission of Nomination Papers.
- 37.6. The attestation of the Formal University Degree shall be as per the *Guidelines for Interpretation and Implementation of Sections 176 (d), 177 (d) and 178 (d) of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2008 regarding the Academic Qualification Requirement for a Candidate contesting Elections to National Assembly, National Council or the Post of Thrompon, 2012*.

However, those Candidates who had filed such a Letter of Attestation at an earlier election held under the Constitution and it had been duly accepted by a Returning Officer need not produce the Letter of Attestation and the copy of the Formal University Degree unless otherwise found necessary by an election authority.

- 37.7. The Returning Officer shall take care to note that the Date of Birth of a Candidate, to meet the age requirement under the laws, must be on or before **11th of June 1988** and on or after **12th of June 1948**.
- 37.8. The Returning Officer shall be responsible to maintain a foolproof system to eliminate possibility of any candidate misrepresenting the facts.
- 37.9. A Returning Officer shall be held fully answerable for any lapse resulting from the lack of exercise of due diligence in the Scrutiny of the Nomination papers filed by a candidate.

37.10. The Returning Officer shall fulfill all requirements, including putting up required information on a Public Notice Board, as required under the laws.

38. Last Date for Withdrawal of Letter of Intent/Candidature

38.1. The last date for withdrawal from the Elections for the Primary Round by a Political Party shall be **5 p.m.** of the **8th of May 2013** as per Section 225 of the *Election Act 2008*.

38.2. The last date for withdrawal of candidature for the General Elections shall be **5 p.m.** of **14th of June 2013** as per Section 225 of the *Election Act 2008*.

REPLACEMENT CANDIDATE

39. Replacement Candidate

39.1. In a *Demkhong* where candidature has been cancelled or a Candidate dies, the replacement Candidate may be nominated or polls in that *Demkhong* postponed in accordance with Sections 233 to 237 of the Election Act, 2008.

ELECTION CODE OF CONDUCT

40. Code of Conduct

- 40.1. The Election Code of Conduct shall come into force from the date of the Notifications calling for Elections issued by the Election Commission and shall continue to be in force until the completion of the Election Period i.e. from **28th of April 2013 to 14th of July 2013.**
- 40.2. The Members of the National Council shall, as members of an apolitical body, apart from casting their votes not play any direct or indirect role in the National Assembly Elections or directly or indirectly campaign for any Party and or Candidate.
- 40.3. A Party/ Candidate shall be held answerable for the conduct of their workers, supporters or representatives. Therefore, a Party/Candidate should regularly caution them against inciting or causing law and order problems.
- 40.4. All election officers, political parties, candidates and voters must comply with the Election Code of Conduct and the provisions of the Electoral Laws, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Notifications and Orders made thereunder.

CAMPAIGN

41. Election Campaign

- 41.1. The campaign period for the Primary Round shall commence from **6th of May 2013** onwards and must stop at **9 a.m. of 29th of May 2013** i.e. 48 hours before the hour fixed for commencement of Polls.
- 41.2. For the General Elections, the campaign period shall commence from **12th of June 2013** and must end at **9 a.m. of 11th of July 2013**.
- 41.3. A Party/Candidate could therefore have more than three weeks for campaigning in both the Primary Round and the General Elections.
- 41.4. In the Primary Round, a member of a Political Party who is listed as a potential Candidate of a *Demkhong* on the *Tentative List of Candidates* submitted by a Party as part of the Letter of Intent submission may campaign on behalf of the Party as the authorized Election Representative.
- 41.5. A Party/Candidate shall conduct its/his/her campaign strictly as per the Election Campaign Schedule approved by the concerned Returning Officer and copy endorsed to the Observer. If any changes are required, the Returning Officer's approval must be sought and the Observer informed accordingly.
- 41.6. Any changes in the Schedule shall be only with the approval of the Returning Officer.
- 41.7. The campaign schedule shall be intimated to the voters through public communication and notice on the Election Advertising Boards while it must be ensured that no coercion or deterrence is exercised for attendance by the voters to the meetings.
- 41.8. A Candidate may proceed with his/her Election Campaigning upon the acceptance of his/her candidature by the concerned Returning Officer.
- 41.9. The campaign schedule shall be intimated to the voters through public communication and notice on the Election Advertising Boards while it must be ensured that no coercion or deterrence is exercised for attendance by the voters to the meetings.
- 41.10. The Returning Officer, in consultation with the respective Election Coordinator

and Security Coordinator shall arrange a Common Forum in each *Gewog/Dzongkhag Thromde*, starting from the **11th of May 2013** in the case of the Primary Round, to provide the Political Parties and the Candidates equal opportunity to address the electorate.

- 41.11. A Party/Candidate contesting the Elections and all concerned shall neither serve meals or refreshments, including *Tshogchang*, *Suchang/Joenchang* and *Dongchang*, nor pay the general public or voters for attendance of election campaigns or produce and distribute T-shirts and caps.
- 41.12. Any other public meetings, door-to-door campaigns or rallies shall be subject to the provisions of the law, code of conduct and as per the campaign schedule and use of vehicles as approved by the Returning Officer. Specifically, door-to-door campaign shall **not be conducted before 7 a.m. and after 8 p.m.**
- 41.13. Except in the capacity of an Election Official mandated to fulfill a required function, a civil servant should not campaign or attend campaigns or political meetings.
- 41.14. No travels or official tours shall be undertaken by a Member of Parliament to any *Demkhong* other than the place of ordinary residence during the Election Period except to cast votes on the Poll Days if he/she decides not to avail the Postal Ballot facility. If such travel to a *Demkhong* becomes unavoidable, he/she shall first report to the concerned Returning Officer.
- 41.15. No Candidate shall use the title, designation, rank, *kabney*, *pata*, or any other sign, insignia or symbol of an office held earlier, on person, car or any personal effects as may be used during the campaign period by the Party, Candidate, representatives or supporters.
- 41.16. A Candidate shall bear responsibility for the conduct of their representatives or supporters.
- 41.17. A Candidate, Government or Non-Governmental Authority, Organisation or any individual shall not screen any audiovisual products or documentary clips or display/distribute any written or pictorial materials which attributes or depicts the past achievements of a particular aspiring Candidate whilst in Government or public service or otherwise, including the portrayal of a Candidate in any audiovisual product.

- 41.18. Public debates for the Candidates and Parties shall be conducted in collaboration with the BBS TV as per the *Guidelines for Conduct of Public Debates during Parliamentary Elections, 2012*.
- 41.19. There shall be two rounds of Public Debates for the Primary Round with Round One on **8th of May 2013** focusing on Political Party Ideology and Round Two on **10th of May 2013** on Issues to be addressed in the ensuing elections.
- 41.20. The Public Debates for General Elections shall be between the two Candidates of the two Parties contesting in the General Elections and held in the Dzongkhags for each of the 47 *Demkhongs* on the respective plans, programmes and activities.
- 41.21. All Banks or financial institutions will report to the Election Commission any abnormal transaction of money, including in the account of a candidate or Political Party contesting the Elections.

42. Common Forum

- 42.1. The Common Forum shall be conducted strictly as per the requirements set out in the *Guidelines for the Conduct of the Common Forum for Election Campaign, 2013*.
- 42.2. The Security Coordinator shall ensure peace at every such gathering.
- 42.3. No entertainment and refreshments, or any form of hospitality, will be allowed to be arranged by anyone for the voters gathered.
- 42.4. At least one Common Forum for the Primary Round in each of the forty-seven *Demkhongs* shall be covered and broadcast by the BBSC.

43. Election Advertising

- 43.1. Election Advertising, including the various advertising materials such as brochures, cards, banners, posters as well as advertisement in the newspaper of choice and allocation of time on electronic media, which is to be financed by the State shall be done as set out in the *Strategy for the Implementation of the Election Advertising Regulations*.
- 43.2. All Political Parties, Candidates or election representatives shall, during the election period, abide by the provisions of the *Election Advertising Regulations*

of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2012 and the Social Media Rules and Regulations of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2012. In particular they shall ensure that advertising using the Internet or Social Media is as per the Positive List of Election Advertising.

- 43.3. All Media Agencies/Houses/Service Providers shall abide the Media Code of Conduct and in particular ensure that the rates offered for election advertisement in a periodical publication or on radio or television is charged uniformly to all Political Parties or Candidates during the same campaign period.

44. Election Campaign Funds and Expenditure

- 44.1. A Party/Candidate whose LoI/Nomination for contesting the National Assembly Elections 2013 has been accepted by the Election Commission/Returning Officer shall file their Application for Election Campaign Fund as in **Annexure 4**.

The Election Campaign Fund shall be released latest by the next day of such application.

- 44.2. A Party, contesting in the Primary Round of the *Parliamentary Elections 2013: National Assembly*, cannot exceed the election campaign expense beyond the ceiling fixed by the Election Commission and notified to the public vide Notification No. EB/PEFD/08/2012/394 dated 20th of September 2012 i.e. total of Nu. 260,000/- with Nu.130,000/- being provided by the State and up to an equivalent amount being permitted to be spent from the Party's resources, raised from the permissible sources.
- 44.3. A Candidate, contesting in the General Elections, cannot exceed the election campaign expenditure ceiling fixed by the Election Commission and notified to the public vide Notification No. EB/PEFD/08/2012/394 dated 20th of September 2012 i.e. total of Nu. 260,000/- with Nu.130,000/- being provided by the State and up to an equivalent amount being permitted to be spent from the Party's resources, raised from the permissible sources.
- 44.4. For this purpose a Party/Candidate must open, before filing in the nomination papers, an account to be called the (Party/Candidate Name) Campaign Account with any Bank licensed to operate in Bhutan, and submit the details of the same at the time of filing the Letter of Intent/Nomination.

However, the Election Commission shall waive this requirement in case of the absence of banking facility in a Dzongkhag and/or if a Party/Candidate gives a written undertaking stating that it/he/she does not intend to incur any expenditure for election campaigning.

- 44.5. A Party/Candidate shall ensure that only a lump-sum amount for financing the campaign expenses, subject to the ceiling, is deposited in this campaign account.
- 44.6. A Party/Candidate shall spend out of the campaign account only for the activities permitted as expenses for election campaign under Section 77 of the Election Fund Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan 2008.
- 44.7. The permissible campaign expenses are:
 - 44.7.1. Goods and services required for direct campaign purposes only;
 - 44.7.2. Production of manifesto, introductory leaflets or visiting cards;
 - 44.7.3. Hire of motor vehicles for campaign purposes or for meeting transportation cost;
 - 44.7.4. Communication expenses such as telephone, fax and postage;
 - 44.7.5. Stationery including revenue and legal stamps; and
 - 44.7.6. Daily Subsistence Allowance for Election and Polling Representatives.
- 44.8. The offering or purchase of gift or donations for offices, individuals, business units or any organization for any other purpose is prohibited.
- 44.9. A Party/Candidate may authorize in writing any person to withdraw funds from the candidate's campaign account and incur expenditure on its/his/her behalf.
- 44.10. No fresh expenses from the campaign account shall be incurred by a Party/Candidate after the closure of the campaign period.
- 44.11. A Party/Candidate shall maintain proper records of expenditure incurred during the elections and ensure that all the payments made are fully supported by proper bills/receipts/cash memo and where such documents are not available, the Party/Candidate shall use the **Public Election Fund Form No. 10** affixed with legal stamps on the agreement document and revenue stamps for each payment.

44.12. A Party/Candidate shall ensure that all bills including receipts, cash memo or any other supporting documents are countersigned by the respective National Observer or the Micro-Observer, wherever authorized by the National Observer.

45. Election Campaign Returns

45.1. A Party/Candidate must submit accounts of campaign and file Election Returns as per the prescribed procedures set out in the *Guidelines for Monitoring Campaign Expenditures for Parliamentary Elections, 2012* regardless of being elected or not.

45.2. A National Observer and the Micro-Observer shall also serve as the Expenditure Observer.

45.3. The Party/Candidate or the Representative shall submit till the last day of campaign, an expenditure statement in **Public Election Fund Form No. 3**, to the National Observer or the authorized Micro-Observer, on a weekly basis as per an agreed schedule drawn up on the expenditures incurred or authorized by them.

45.4. A National Observer or the authorized Micro-Observer shall countersign on all the expenditures statement submitted by a candidate and maintain the record in the **Public Election Fund Form No. 11**.

45.5. A Party/Candidate must file the Returns of Election Expenses to the concerned Dzongkhag Electoral Office or directly to the Public Election Fund Division within thirty days of declaration of the Election Result in the prescribed Form (**Public Election Fund Form No. 7D**) along with the following supporting documents:

45.5.1. The list of campaign expenses incurred by the Party/Candidate (**Public Election Fund Form No. 3**) and countersigned by an authorized Observer; and

45.5.2. Bank Statement of the campaign account which cannot be substituted by any other documents or statement.

45.6. The Returning Officer must inform a Party/Candidate that election campaign expense incurred and the Election Returns shall be subject to audit by the Royal Audit Authority. Failure to file Election Returns within the stipulated time may

result in disqualification in future elections.

45.7. The Forms related to Public Election Campaign Funds and Expenditure Returns are in **Annexure 4**.

46. End of Campaign Period

46.1. A Party/Candidate must stop election campaign 48 hours before the hour fixed for Commencement of Poll i.e. by **9:00 a.m. of 29th of May 2013** in case of the Primary Round and **9 a.m. of 11th of July 2013** in case of the General Elections.

SOCIAL MEDIA

47. Use of Social Media

47.1. All electoral stakeholders may use the social media for election or campaign purposes but shall ensure to abide generally by the Electoral Laws, Election Code of Conduct and specifically adhere to the requirements under the *Social Media Rules and Regulations of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2012*.

47.2. All Election Officers operating Facebook, Twitter or any other social media accounts shall do so strictly as per the requirements in the *Social Media Rules and Regulations of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2012*.

48. Social Media Related Disputes

48.1. The Media Arbitrator shall be responsible for monitoring and settling disputes related to social media as per the *Social Media Rules and Regulations of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2012*.

ELECTION CONTROL ROOMS

49. Election Control Rooms

- 49.1. Election Control Rooms shall be set up and maintained during the elections for the purpose of supervision, direction and monitoring the conduct of elections and to respond to any security threats or provide administrative guidance on real time basis besides receiving reports and feedback.
- 49.2. The Control Room in the Centre shall be in operation with the start of the Election Period and 48 hours prior to the commencement of poll till the declaration of results, manned round the clock.
- 49.3. Election Control Rooms, set up Dzongkhags as well as the Central ECB levels, shall function as per the procedures set out in the *Manual for Election Control Rooms*. The Control Rooms in the Dzongkhags shall regularly monitor the movement of the polling team to its polling station. In those *Demkhongs* where the Polling Teams have departed to remote Polling Stations, the Control Room will be set up on the day prior to the date of departure.
- 49.4. The Central Control Room shall be responsible to monitor, receive and review the reports from the Observers and submit weekly status reports to the Election Commission, except in case of any non-regular situation in any *Demkhong* it shall be immediately brought to the notice of the Election Commission.

BALLOT PAPER

50. Ballot Paper for the Primary Round

- 50.1. The Ballot Paper for the Primary Round shall be prepared by the Department of Elections and sent to the Returning Officers by email on **8th of May 2013**, after the last date for withdrawal.
- 50.2. The Names and Election Symbols of the Political Parties on the Ballot Papers shall be in alphabetical order of the name of the Political Parties.
- 50.3. Care must be taken to ensure that the names and symbols are assigned and listed correctly and without any error.

51. Ballot Paper for the General Election

- 51.1. The Returning Officer must make sure that photographs of the Candidates required for the Ballot Papers in the General Elections are taken upon acceptance of the Nominations and the Ballots printed as per the prescribed specifications.
- 51.2. The Returning Officer shall assign the names, photographs of the Candidates and the election symbols of their respective Political Parties on the Ballot Paper in alphabetical order of the name of the Candidates.
- 51.3. Care must be taken to ensure that the names, photographs and symbols are assigned and listed correctly and without any error.

52. Electronic Voting Machines (EVM)

- 52.1. EVMs shall be set ready for every Polling Station along with a spare EVM set ready in case a machine malfunctions.

POSTAL BALLOT

53. Postal Ballot

- 53.1. An eligible Postal Voter, including spouses and dependents permissible under Section 331 of the Election Act 2008, must first register with the Election Commission through one's department/ agency/ organization to be included in the Postal Voters' List issued to the Returning Officers.
- 53.2. Eligible postal voters were notified in the year 2012 itself to register with the Election Commission for the Parliamentary Elections 2013. A voter can check the status of registration as a Postal Voter on the ECB website.
- 53.3. The postal ballot arrangements for postal voters in the United States of America shall be as per the *Guidelines for Extending Postal Ballot Facility to the Bhutanese Citizens Residing, Studying or Working in the United States of America, 2012*.
- 53.4. For the *Parliamentary Elections 2013*, the Postal Ballot facility has been extended, besides the diplomats, civil servants, Armed Forces, students and trainees, to the employees of various public and private corporations and private businesses and enterprises.
- 53.5. The registered Postal Voters must apply for the Postal Ballot to the concerned Returning Officer and ensure to do it such that the application reaches the Returning Officer by **5.00 p.m. of 8th of May 2013**.
- 53.6. A Postal Ballot Application may be hand delivered, sent by post or scanned and emailed to the Returning Officers but faxed copies shall not be entertained.
- 53.7. The Returning Officer shall send Postal Voter's Instructions to every Postal Voter along with the Postal Ballot package to facilitate the voters.
- 53.8. The Returning Officer shall have the overall responsibility to oversee that care is taken by the officers under his/her control to avoid any confusion of the packing, dispatching, receipt and the separation of the Postal Ballot under his/her jurisdiction.
- 53.9. An Assistant Returning Officer shall have the duty to ensure that care is taken to avoid any confusion of the packing, dispatching, receipt and the separation of the Postal Ballot under his/her jurisdiction.

- 53.10. Bhutan Post shall have the full responsibility to ensure that the delivery of the Postal Ballots is carried out strictly as per the Terms and Conditions set out in the signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- 53.11. To facilitate Postal Voters to vote by post, the Election Commission shall set up Clinics in public places where Postal Voters can drop by and get the Forms or any required assistance in filling it up.
- 53.12. Out of the six AROs, one shall be in ECB Head Office with the responsibility to handle the Postal Ballots of the overseas Postal Voters, other than the USA, and remote areas in the country, to speed up the delivery of the Postal Ballots.
- 53.13. The ARO at ECB Head Office shall issue Postal Ballots based on the Lists and Postal Ballots soft copies received from the concerned ROs.
- 53.14. One ARO shall be at the Permanent Mission of Bhutan to the UN in New York, United States of America and shall be responsible to handle the Postal Ballots of those Postal Voters who are in the USA.
- 53.15. These AROs shall functions as per the terms and conditions spelt out in the respective Appointment Orders.

POLLING STATIONS

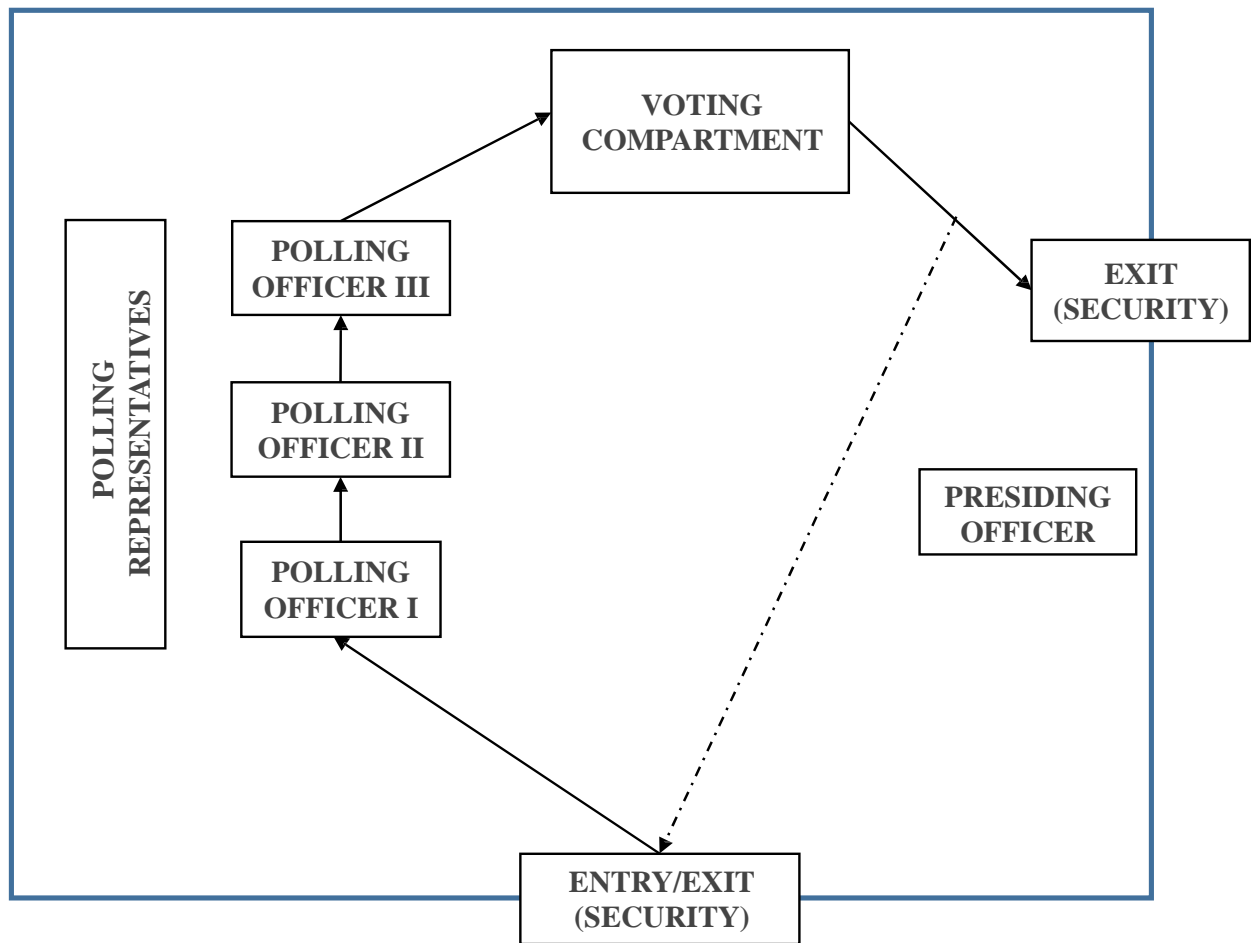
54. Polling Stations

- 54.1. The List of Polling Stations shall be as indicated in the Final Electoral Roll for the *Parliamentary Elections 2013: National Assembly*.
- 54.2. There shall be a total of **850** Polling Stations for the National Assembly Elections 2013.
- 54.3. Every Polling Station shall have in place basic amenities such as safe drinking water, first-aid, toilet facilities etc. essential for convenience of voters.
- 54.4. The Polling Stations where there is no acceptable government structure shall be set-up and managed by the Dzongkhags and supervised by the Department of Elections as per the *Strategy for Management of Temporary Polling Stations*.
- 54.5. In the unique situation of the *Yusarnang* village of Gasa Dzongkhag being physically remote and inaccessible for most part of the year with a tiny voter population of 18 voters, arrangements shall be made for these voters to vote in *Raminang* Polling Station and provided TA/DA as may be provided to a public official under the financial norms.
- 54.6. Due courtesy to the elderly, disabled, mothers with infants shall be extended in terms of being given preference in a queue on Poll Day. Those requiring physical assistance in the Voting Compartment shall be permitted to take an assistant of choice.

55. Polling Station Layout

- 55.1. The Layout of a Polling Station shall be as in **Fig. 1**.

Fig. 1: Layout of Polling Station



56. Polling Procedure

- 56.1. The Control Units shall be handled by the Polling Officer III who would be responsible for releasing each Ballot for the voter as he/she moves from one voting compartment to the next.
- 56.2. The Polling Officer III shall release the Ballot for the next voter only after the previous voter exits the voting compartment.
- 56.3. The Presiding Officer and the Polling Assistant at every Polling Station can help those voters who still need assistance as per the Electoral Laws, rules and regulations.
- 56.4. The Presiding Officer shall be responsible to ensure that the Voting Compartment is well-lit and the EVM is properly fixed and ink smears cleaned from time to time.
- 56.5. All procedures in the Polling Stations shall be carried out in an open and

transparent manner as detailed in the Laws except for the Voting Compartment area which must be ensured to provide absolute secrecy of the ballot.

57. Polling Officials

57.1. The poll shall be conducted by a minimum of five election officers, which include:

57.1.1. Presiding Officer;

57.1.2. Polling Officer I;

57.1.3. Polling Officer II;

57.1.4. Polling Officer III; and

57.1.5. Polling Assistant.

POLL DAY

58. Poll Day

- 58.1. The Poll Day of the *Parliamentary Elections 2013: National Assembly* shall be:
- 58.1.1. Primary Round on **31st of May 2013**; and
 - 58.1.2. General Elections on **13th of July 2013**.
- 58.2. The Hours of Polling shall be from **9.00 a.m.** to **5.00 p.m.**
- 58.3. The Poll Day shall be declared a National Holiday while organisations associated with the conduct of the Elections such as Bhutan Post, Power, Telecom Service and such essential public service providers shall remain operational with the key personnel essential for operation being extended the privilege of Postal Ballot facility.
- 58.4. All employers, if an employee notifies before the poll that he/ she desires leave of absence for voting at any election, are required as per Section 338 of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan 2008, to grant leave of absence, for reasonable period as is necessary to enable him/her to vote at the election subject to the exceptions made in Sections 339 and 341.
- 58.5. No alcohol shall be permitted to be sold or served from the start of poll till counting is closed at the Counting Centres.
- 58.6. All shops and businesses in the *Demkhongs* where polls are being held shall remain closed on the day of polling and counting of results.
- 58.7. No person shall be permitted to carry firearms on the day of polling except for those on security duty authorised under laws.
- 58.8. No weapons, including a pen-knife or any sharp object excluding a standard walking stick shall be permitted in the Polling Station except for those required for security duty.
- 58.9. No one shall be allowed to carry mobile phones, cameras or any gadget that records sound or image in and around the Polling Station or carry any sort of weapons or arms which can be used to cause bodily harm on Poll Day except for those whose duty requires it and as per the permission of the Returning Officer.
- 58.10. Media personnel authorized for coverage of elections by the Election

Commission shall be allowed to enter and video-graph the Polling Station but not have access to the voting compartment when a voter is inside it and be escorted out of the Polling Station after a few minutes.

- 58.11. All persons and agencies shall be required to abide strictly by the legal provisions in the Electoral Acts and the Rules, Regulations or Notifications issued there under, also including the *Permissible and Non-Permissible Activities during Forty-Eight Hours Before Commencement of Poll and the Poll Day Rules, 2009*.

59. Voter Turn-Out Recording and Reporting

- 59.1. The Polling Officer 1 shall use the **Polling Officer Form No. 1** to record the age category of the voters who turn up to vote on the Poll Days.
- 59.2. The Yellow Voter Slip shall be issued for a female voter and the White Voter Slip for a male voter to facilitate the recording of gender disaggregated information on the voters who turn up to vote on the two Poll Days.
- 59.3. The Presiding Officers shall submit to the concerned Returning Officer for their respective Polling Stations the Mid-Day Voter Turn-Out Report for the voter turn-out from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Poll-End Voter Turn-Out Report for the Cumulative Total Voter Turn-Out from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the **Voter Turn-Out Report Form No. 1**.
- 59.4. The Returning Officer shall compile the Mid-Day Voter Turn-Out Reports submitted by the Presiding Officers and send the consolidated Mid-Day Voter Turn-Out Report to the National Results Centre at the earliest possible and no later than 2 p.m. Similarly, the Poll-End Voter Turn-Out Reports shall also be compiled and the consolidated reports submitted to the National Results Centre alongwith the Election Results after the Polls on the Poll Days itself.
- 59.5. The arrangements set out in the *SMS-Based Voter Turn-Out and Election Result Relay Rules and Regulations, 2013*, based on the experience of the recent National Council Elections shall be modified for the National Assembly Elections as follows:
- 59.5.1. The Voter Turn-Out and the Election Results Reports from the Presiding Officer to the Returning Officer and from the Returning Officer to the National Results Centre shall be sent through fax and/or

phone (and not by SMS); and

59.5.2. The National Results Centre shall input the SMS information in the SMS System to generate the necessary Voter Turn-Out and Election Result Reports.

59.6. Separate and dedicated teams shall be formed in the National Results Centre, responsible for receiving, checking and inputting the Voter Turn-Out information and Election Result for their assigned *Demkhongs*. The teams shall establish prior and clear communication links with the respective Returning Officers to ensure that the information flow is smooth and reports are received without delay on Poll Day.

59.7. The Poll Day proceedings shall be updated on the ECB website and *Facebook* regularly by the administrator, with a log diary being maintained, so that all interested can follow the news via the internet.

COUNTING, CONSOLIDATION, ANNOUNCEMENT AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS

60. Polling Station and Counting Centre

- 60.1. The Polling and Counting of the Election Results shall take place on the same day as per the procedure adopted under the EVM Rules and Regulations, Handbooks for Returning, Presiding, and Polling Officers, Counting Supervisors as well as in the Appointment Orders and this Strategy Document.
- 60.2. The Returning Officer shall issue an Office Order instructing that Polling Stations/Booths at the close of Poll shall function as Counting Centres and the results from the EVMs used for recording the votes counted as per the set procedure.
- 60.3. The Returning Officer shall detail, in the Appointment Order, the Officials who shall assume the positions of Counting Supervisors and Assistant Counting Supervisors upon the close of poll and the Polling Booth becoming a Counting Centre.
- 60.4. Every Polling station shall have a clearly demarcated boundary within which no unauthorized persons or act prohibited activities are allowed under the electoral laws.
- 60.5. Any complaint alleging any untoward incident related to a poll reported by any person at the poll day and within a polling station be entertained by any election officer on duty if submitted in writing with evidence and witnesses as per the prescribed Election Complaint Form, presented as **Annexure 5**.

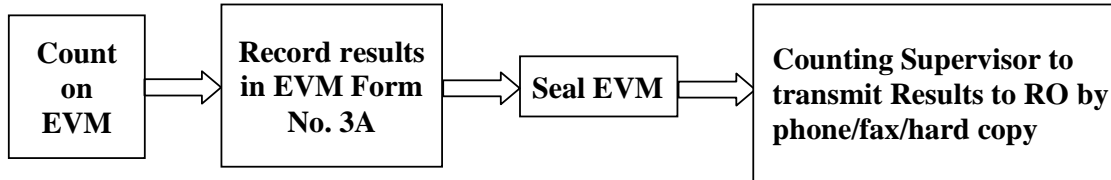
61. Counting of Votes of the Primary Round

- 61.1. The counting and announcement of results of counting of votes at a Polling Station shall be carried out as per the stepwise procedure directed here below:
 - 61.1.1. After the counting of votes on the EVMs used for casting votes, the results shall be recorded in the **Electronic Voting Machine Form No. 3A** and the EVMs sealed as per procedure by the respective Counting Supervisor;
 - 61.1.2. The Counting Supervisor shall issue to every Party Representative present, a duly authenticated true copy; and

61.1.3. The Counting Supervisor shall thereafter transmit the results of the Primary Round by fax/phone/hand delivery of hard copy to the respective RO as per procedure.

61.2. The graphical presentation of the process of result counting is as presented in **Fig. 2.**

Fig. 2: Counting of Results in the Polling Stations/ Counting Centres



62. Sorting and Counting of the Postal Ballots

62.1. The Returning Officer shall arrange and conduct the Opening of the **Envelope “A”**, received till date, between five and two days before the Poll Day as per procedures prescribed in the *Postal Ballot Rules and Regulations of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2012.*

The **Envelope “A”** received after such opening shall be placed in another **Postal Ballot Box “A”** provided for this purpose. This Box shall be opened, as per procedure, after the last date and time for receiving Postal Ballots i.e. after **5.00 p.m. of 30th of May 2013.**

62.2. The Postal Ballots in **Postal Ballot Box “B”** shall be counted on Poll Day with such counting started before 1 p.m. to ensure that the Postal Ballots are counted before the close of Polls and receipt of the EVM Results.

63. Consolidation of Results in each Demkhong

63.1. The consolidation of results of the Primary Round in each *Demkhong* by the respective Returning Officer must be carried out as per the stepwise procedure directed here below:

63.1.1. The RO shall count the Postal Ballots received for the election and enter the results in **Postal Ballot Form No. 4.**

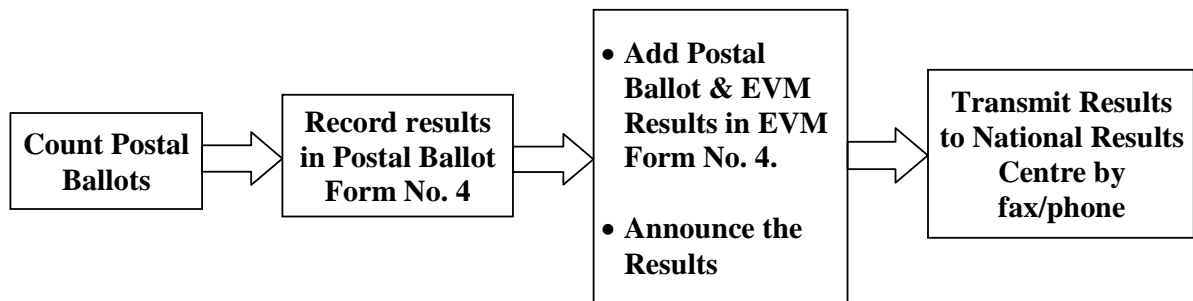
63.1.2. The RO shall compile the results received from all the Counting Centres in the *Demkhongs* under his/her jurisdiction in **EVM Form**

No. 3A.

63.1.3. The RO shall consolidate the Postal Ballot Results and the EVM Results in **EVM Form No. 4/Final Result Sheet Form No. 1A** and transmit the final results of the elections to the National Results Centre by fax/telephone.

63.2. The graphical presentation of the process of consolidating the **Primary Round** results by the Returning Officer is as presented in **Fig. 3**.

Fig. 3: Consolidation of Results by the RO



64. Announcement of Results

64.1. The Returning Officer shall announce the total number of valid votes received by each Political Party in a *Demkhong* as per **Returning Officer Form No. 14**.

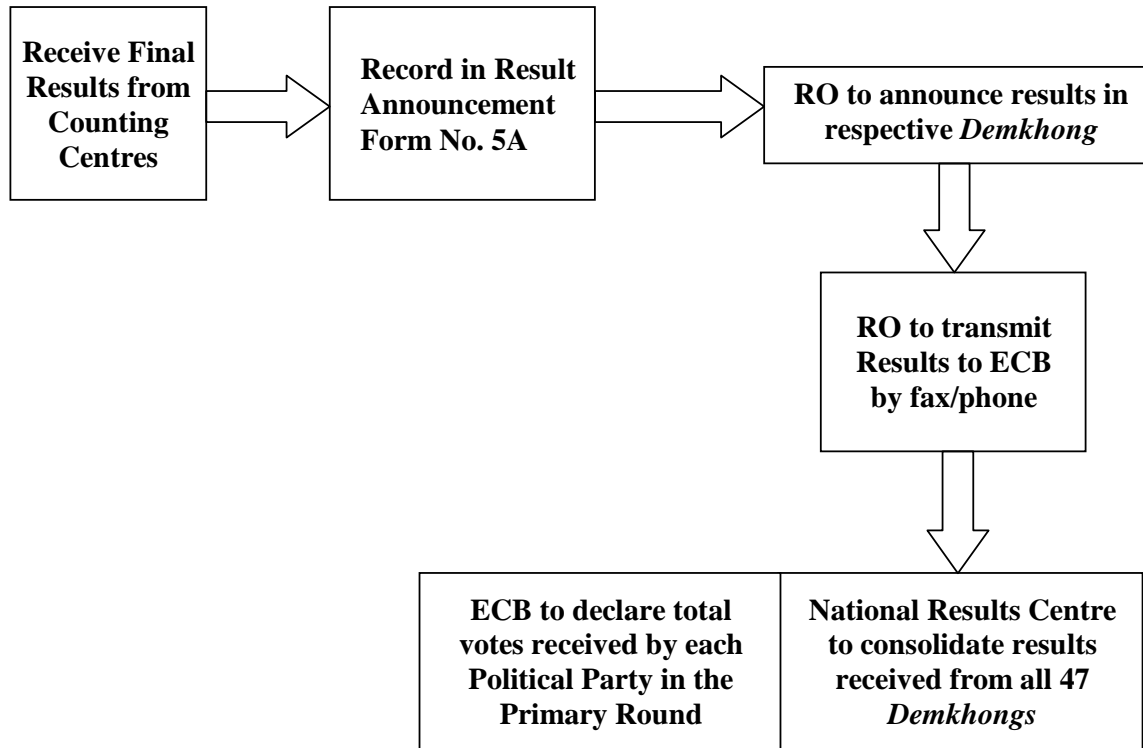
64.2. The Returning Officer shall then transmit a duly authenticated copy of the said Form (**Returning Officer Form No. 14**) to the National Results Centre of the Election Commission.

64.3. The National Results Centre of the Election Commission shall consolidate the results received from all 47 *Demkhongs*.

64.4. The Election Commission shall declare by Public Notification the total votes received by each of the Political Parties in the Primary Round on **1st of June 2013**.

64.5. The process of declaration of the Primary Round Election Results is graphically presented in **Fig. 4**.

Fig. 4: Declaration of the Primary Round Results

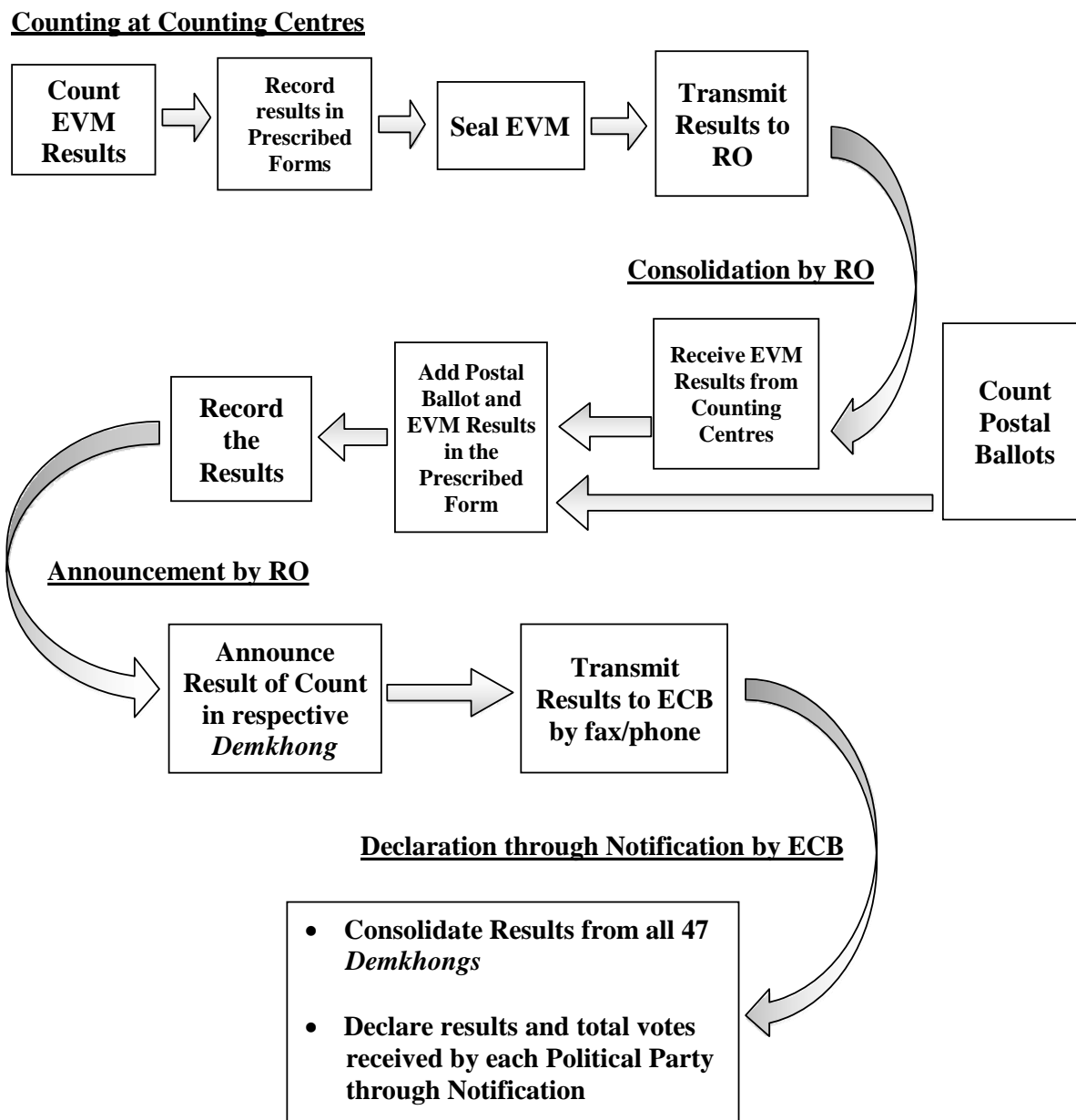


64.6. A Party/Representative shall be advised not to communicate the result of counting or election to any other person including media prior to the formal declaration by the competent authority.

65. Overview of the Process

65.1. The overall process of counting, consolidation, announcement and declaration of the Primary Round Election Results is graphically presented in **Fig. 5**.

Fig. 5: Overview of the Process of Counting, Consolidation, Announcement and Declaration of the Primary Round Results



66. Invitation to Nominate Candidates to Contest the General Elections

66.1. The Election Commission shall invite the two Political Parties securing the First Highest and Second Highest total number of votes polled in the 20 Dzongkhags to nominate one Candidate each to contest the General Elections in each of the 47 National Assembly Demkhongs.

67. Counting of Votes of the General Election

67.1. The counting and announcement of results of counting of votes in the General Election at a Polling Station shall be carried out as per the stepwise procedure directed here below:

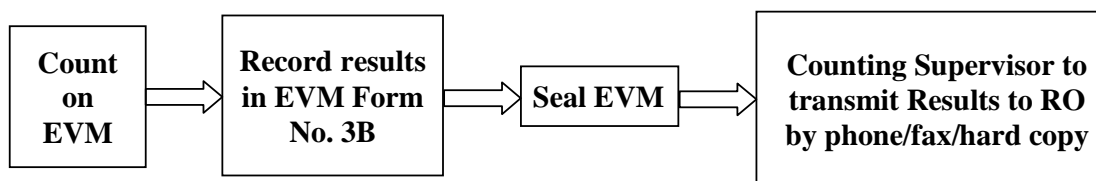
67.1.1. After the counting of votes on the EVMs used for casting votes, the results shall be recorded in the **Electronic Voting Machine Form No. 3B** and the EVMs sealed as per procedure by the respective Counting Supervisor;

67.1.2. The Counting Supervisor shall issue to every candidate or his/her election or counting representative present, a duly authenticated true copy; and

67.1.3. The Counting Supervisor shall thereafter transmit the results of the elections as per the format provided by fax/phone/hand delivery of hard copy to the respective RO as per procedure.

67.2. The graphical presentation of the process of result counting is as presented in **Fig. 6.**

Fig. 6: Counting of Results in the Polling Stations/ Counting Centres for the General Election



68. Sorting and Counting of the Postal Ballots

68.1. The Returning Officer shall arrange and conduct the Opening of the **Envelope “A”**, received till date, between five and two days before the Poll Day as per procedures prescribed in the *Postal Ballot Rules and Regulations of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2012*.

The **Envelope “A”** received after such opening shall be placed in another **Postal Ballot Box “A”** provided for this purpose. This Box shall be opened, as per procedure, after the last date and time for receiving Postal Ballots i.e. after **5.00 p.m. of 12th of July 2013**.

68.2. The Postal Ballots in **Postal Ballot Box “B”** shall be counted on Poll Day with such counting started before 1 p.m. to ensure that the Postal Ballots are counted before the close of Polls and receipt of the EVM Results.

69. Consolidation of Results in each *Demkhong*

69.1. The consolidation of results of the election of the General Election must be carried out as per the stepwise procedure directed here below:

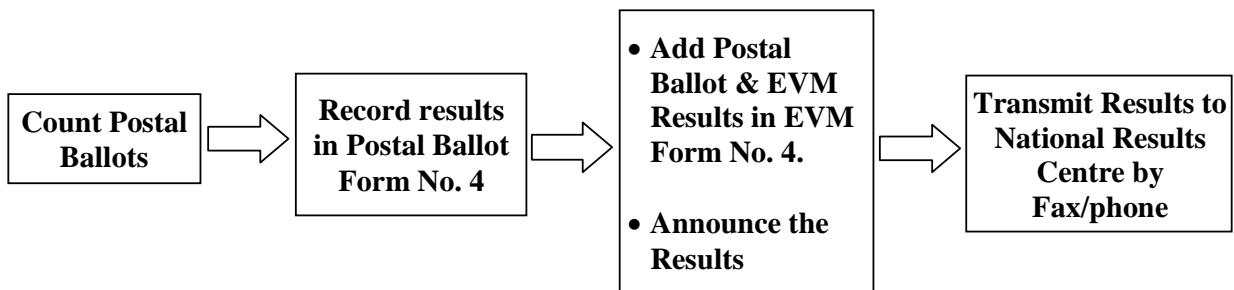
69.1.1. The RO shall count the Postal Ballots received for the election and enter the results in **Postal Ballot Form No. 4**.

69.1.2. The RO shall compile the results received from all the Counting Centres in the *Demkhongs* under his/her jurisdiction in **EVM Form No. 3B**.

69.1.3. The RO shall consolidate the Postal Ballot Results and the EVM Results in **EVM Form No. 4/Final Result Sheet Form No. 1B** and transmit the final results of the elections to the National Results Centre by fax/phone.

69.2. The graphical presentation of the process of consolidating the General Election results by the Returning Officer is as presented in **Fig. 7**.

Fig. 7: Consolidation of Results by the RO in respective *Demkhongs*



70. Announcement of Results

70.1. The Returning Officer shall announce the Candidate who has secured the highest number of valid votes in a *Demkhong* as per **Returning Officer Form No. 14**.

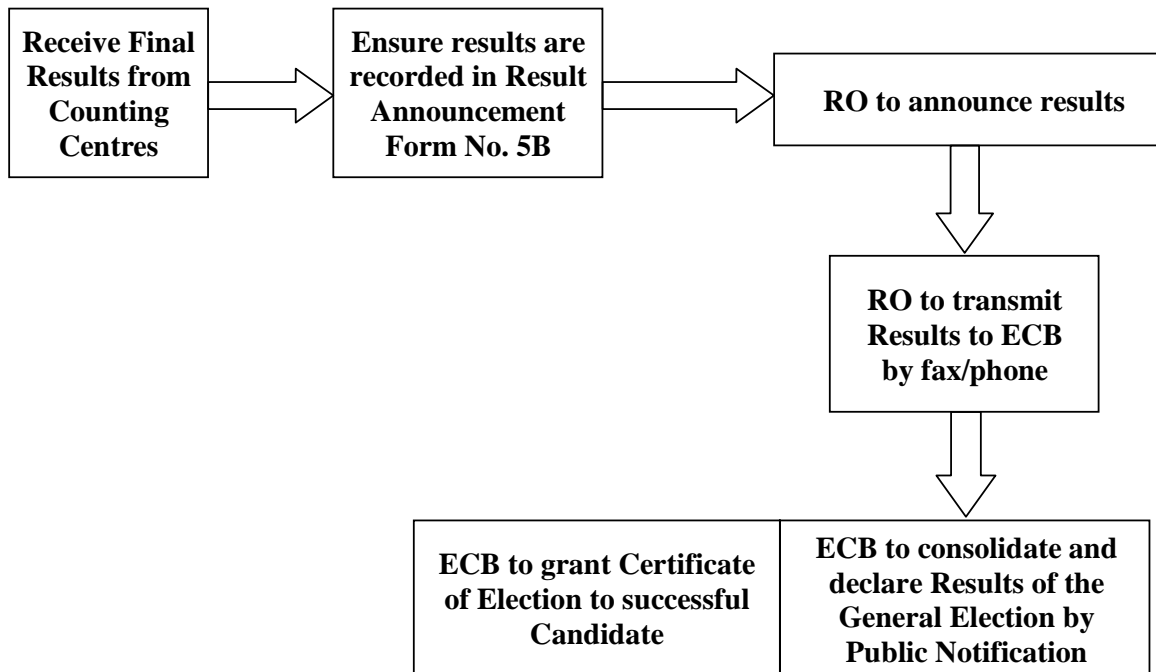
70.2. The Returning Officer shall then transmit a duly authenticated copy of the said Announcement Forms (**Returning Officer Form No. 14**) to the Election Commission.

70.3. The Returning Officer shall publish the result of the Poll Count as per the **Result Announcement Form No. 5B**.

70.4. The Election Commission shall declare by Public Notification the results of the General Elections on **14th of July 2013**.

70.5. The process of announcement of the General Election Results is graphically presented in **Fig. 8**.

Fig. 8: Announcement of Results

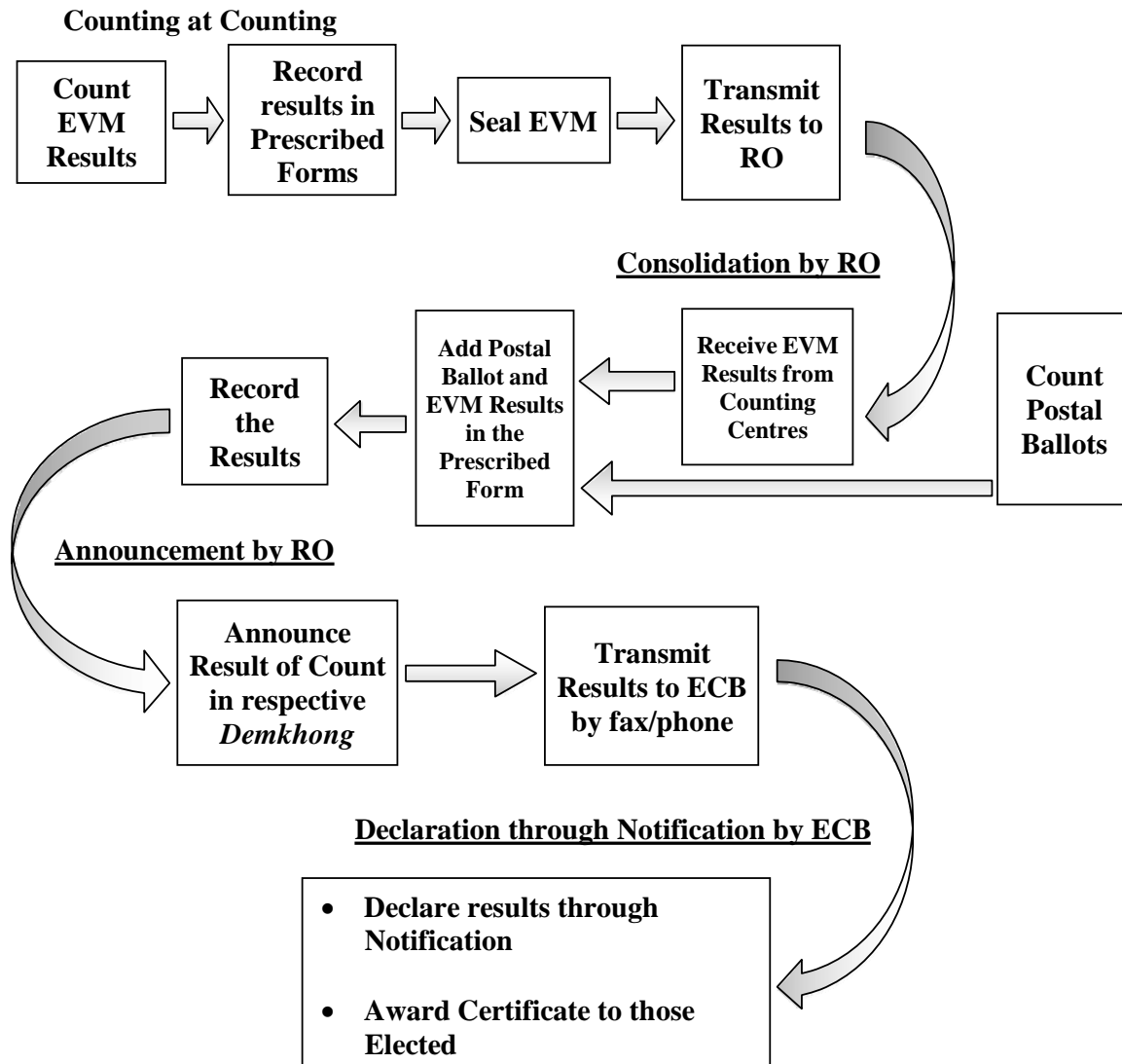


70.6. A Candidate or his/her representative shall be advised not to communicate the result of counting or election to any other person including media prior to the formal declaration by a competent authority.

71. Overview of the Process

71.1. The overall process of counting, consolidation, announcement and declaration of the General Election Results is graphically presented in **Fig. 9**.

Fig. 9: Overview of the Process of Counting, Consolidation, Announcement and Declaration of the Results



72. List of Forms

72.1. The Forms necessary in the process of counting, consolidation, announcement and declaration of the results of the National Assembly Elections 2013 are included in the *List of Forms* (**Annexure 6**) and include the following:

72.1.1. Result Sheet Form for Counting of EVM Results by Counting Supervisors at the Counting Centres:

- (1) *Primary Round – EVM Form No. 3A*
- (2) *General Elections – Form No. 3B*

- 72.1.2. Result Sheet Form for Postal Ballot Results by Returning Officer
 - (1) *Primary Round – Postal Ballot Form No. 4*
 - (2) *General Elections – Postal Ballot Form No. 4*
- 72.1.3. EVM Results by Returning Officer
 - Same as for Counting Supervisors at the Counting Centres*
- 72.1.4. Result Sheet Form for Consolidation of Results by Returning Officer (EVM + Postal Ballot Results)
 - (1) *Primary Round – EVM Form No. 4 (Final Result Sheet Form No. 1A)*
 - (2) *General Elections – EVM Form No. 4 (Final Result Sheet Form No. 1B)*
- 72.1.5. Election Announcement Form by the Returning Officer
 - (1) *Primary Round – Result Announcement Form No. 5A*
 - (2) *General Elections – Result Announcement Form No. 5B*
- 72.1.6. Form for Publication of the Election Result (by Returning Officer) –
Same as the Announcement i.e. Result Announcement Form No. 5A and 5B
- 72.2. Certificate of Election to Successful Candidate (by the Election Commission)

COMMUNICATION PLAN

73. Communication Plan

- 73.1. The *Bhutan Election Directory 2013* shall contain contact details of all acceptable mediums, of the election officials, Parties, Candidates and office bearers to facilitate effective communications, monitoring and reporting during the elections.
- 73.2. Communications would be vital for the relaying of the voter turn-out information and results as well as periodic reporting by polling teams to the respective Control Rooms.
- 73.3. The procedures to be followed are as outlined in the Control Room Manual, Handbook for Returning Officer, Handbook for Presiding Officer and Handbook for Counting Supervisors.
- 73.4. Communications for those Polling Stations and Counting Centres with no cellular or land-line telephone network coverage shall be as per the specific communication plan developed for each Centre by the Department of Elections, Election Commission of Bhutan.
- 73.5. The Dzongkhag Electoral Authorities shall maintain a list of government vehicles in working condition which may be deployed on election duty.
- 73.6. The respective Dzongkhags shall also maintain information of private vehicles, should the need arise for the mobilization of such vehicles.

74. Public transport

- 74.1. Public transport arrangements for voters to travel to and from Polling Stations and *Demkhongs* shall be made by the Road Safety and Transport Authority (RSTA) in accordance with *Public Transport for Elections Regulations of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2009*.
- 74.2. The RSTA and its officials shall, with cooperation of the Election Security Coordinators and the Dzongkhag Administrations, ensure that for every road head to a Polling Station there is public transport that is safe, economical and operates at regular and predictable schedules.

DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

75. Election Disputes and Complaints

75.1. An election complaint must:

75.1.1. Indicate a clear case of controversy related to election that is in breach of the Electoral Laws and the grounds for complaint;

75.1.2. Contain material facts;

75.1.3. State the names of the Parties/ Candidates/ individuals against whom the complaint is filed;

75.1.4. Be signed by the petitioner with address and contact details; and

75.1.5. Be in writing.

The prescribed Election Complaint Form is as presented in Annexure 5 (as also referred in point 60.5 of this document).

75.2. An election complaint may be lodged to:

75.2.1. Chief Election Commissioner;

75.2.2. Chief Election Coordinator;

75.2.3. An Observer; or

75.2.4. A Returning Officer.

75.3. A Returning Officer and Observer shall immediately or at the earliest possible forward any complaint received by him/her to the Chief Election Coordinator.

However, in case of an allegation concerning the Chief Election Coordinator, the case must be directly forwarded to the Chief Election Commissioner.

75.4. The Central Election Dispute Settlement Body (CEDSB) and a Dzongkhag Election Dispute Settlement Body (DEDSB) in each of the 20 Dzongkhags shall be appointed for the National Assembly Elections 2013.

75.5. The functions of the Election Dispute Settlement Bodies are to direct an Investigation Committee for further investigation and verification of the complaint relating to an election; hear investigation report of the Committee and arguments of the Parties and give a reasoned decision; and provide legal advice

on the issues relating to election dispute as may be referred to by the election officials from time to time.

- 75.6. The Dzongkhag Election Dispute Settlement Body (DEDSB) shall investigate, hear and decide promptly on cases referred to it by the Chief Election Commissioner or the Chief Election Coordinator.
- 75.7. The procedure for investigation, decision and appeal shall be as per the procedures laid down under the *Election Dispute Settlement Rules and Regulations 2013* and the *Election Dispute Settlement Manual*.
- 75.8. The Central Election Dispute Settlement Body (CEDSB) shall investigate, hear and decide on cases of grave nature and any case that could not be resolved at the Dzongkhag level or appealed from thereof.
- 75.9. The Election Dispute Settlement Bodies shall be generally guided by the principles and provisions of the Bhutan Penal Code, Civil and Criminal Procedure Code, Evidence Act and the Electoral Laws and in particular by the *Election Dispute Settlement Rules and Regulations of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2013* and the *Manual for the Settlement of Election Disputes, 2013*.

POST-POLL ACTIVITIES

76. Storage of EVMs and other Election Materials

- 76.1. The Returning Officer shall ensure that all the used EVMs and Postal Ballots are stored as per procedure for the duration of the Petition Period.
- 76.2. The Returning Officer shall have the overall responsibility to oversee that care is taken by the officers under his/her control in the packing, dispatching, receipt and safe storage of the EVMs used or otherwise at all times.
- 76.3. The security of an EVM shall be given **Top Priority At All Times** and an EVM not left unattended, uncared or left with a person who is not an election official appointed by a competent authority **under any circumstance**.

77. Issue of Certificate of Election

- 77.1. The Election Commission shall issue the Certificate of Election, as in **Annexure 7**, to the successful Candidates in the General Elections on **19th of July 2013**.

78. Relieving Officers from Election Duty

- 78.1. Election Officers appointed on election duty shall be deemed to have completed their duty once their Relieving Orders are issued.

79. Submission of Accounts by Parties and Candidates

- 79.1. A Political Party Representative in each *Demkhong* during the Primary Round and a Candidate in the General Elections must submit weekly accounts of the campaign expenses to the National or Micro Observer for his/her scrutiny and file Election Returns within thirty days of declaration of the Election Result as per the prescribed procedures, regardless of being elected or not, failing which the name of a Political Party may be removed from the Register of Political Parties or a person may be disqualified as a Member holding elective office or Candidate in future elections.
- 79.2. The Public Election Fund Division, supported by the Dzongkhag Electoral Offices, shall receive the Campaign Accounts of the Political Parties within a month from the Primary Round Poll Day and from the Candidates within a month from the General Election Poll Day and accordingly carry out the necessary scrutiny and review of the accounts.

80. Submission of Final Report by Observers

- 80.1. The National Observers shall, besides the Periodic Reports during the Election Period, submit the Final Report for their respective *Demkhongs* to the Election Commission within a week of the completion of the Election Period.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

81. Finance and Accounts

81.1. All and any expenditures and rates shall be as per the Government financial rules and regulations, unless expressly stated otherwise under the Electoral Laws.

82. Accounts Officers

82.1. Each Dzongkhag Administration shall identify and appoint Accounts Officer(s) to be responsible for managing and keeping the accounts for all expenditures related to the National Assembly Elections 2013 in that Dzongkhag, except for the Public Election Campaign Fund which shall be handled directly by the Public Election Fund Division of the Election Commission.

82.2. The Accounts Officer(s) shall be responsible to submit the consolidated accounts to the Election Commission within 15 days of the Declaration of the Election Results.

82.3. The finance and expenditure records and accounts shall be maintained in line with the *Guidelines for the Maintenance of Financial Records and Accounts for an Election in the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2013*.

ANNEXURES

Annexure 1: Observation Report Formats

Annexure 2: Letter of Intent

Annexure 3: Candidate Nomination Papers

Annexure 4: Election Campaign Fund and Expenditure Related Forms

Annexure 5: Election Complaint Form (English and Dzongkha)

Annexure 6: *List of Forms* for Counting, Consolidation, Announcement and Declaration of the Results

Annexure 7: Certificate of Election

Annexure 1

Observation Report Formats

1. **Election Observation Form No. 1:** Outline for a National Observer's Report on Activities of a Candidate during National Assembly Elections of the Parliamentary Elections 2013
2. **Election Observation Form No. 2:** Polling Station Observation Report (*Use as Annexure to the Observer's Main Report*)
3. **Election Observation Form No. 3:** Outline for the Main Report of National Observers



Election Observation Form No. 1

Outline for a National Observer's Report on Activities of a Candidate during National Assembly Elections of the Parliamentary Elections 2013

Besides observation of the process and procedures related to the Elections, the National Observers are also required to report on the compliance to the Electoral Laws by the candidates.

In order that voters are clear about their rights to vote in an informed and unhindered manner, the National Observers are required to submit reports on activities of the Candidates including such activities that may cause or have caused inconveniences to voters and candidates for effective participation in the Local Government Elections.

The Election Commission intends that this Outline will help you in objective and accurate reporting on activities of the Candidates.

Care must be taken not to divulge the content of your report to any unauthorized personnel.

1. Activity or Activities

*[Please specify and explain in detail the specific nature of each activity **including the general campaign and the door-to-door campaigning and in particular the involvement of political parties and their members**. Also, describe whether any laws were violated by commission or omission of an act. Be specific to mention if the activity or activities were observed first-hand, reported to you or to any of the electoral officers in writing or orally, found out while looking for more details on other activities or reported in the media. Please specify the extent of seriousness of effects on the voters and to the election processes, especially the right to vote in a free and fair manner and the secrecy of Vote]*

2. Names of Candidates Involved

[Please list down candidate or candidates, political party or parties that were involved]

3. Verifiable Evidences

[Please mention, list down and attach the evidences available, if any. Evidences could be materials used in conduct of activity or activities, recordings (audio and visual) or undertakings]

4. Statements of Witnesses

[Please attach copies or transcripts of the statements made by witnesses, if any, on the purported activity or activities]

5. Actions Taken by Authorities

[Please list down and give details of actions taken. Also, specify if preventive measures were taken to reduce occurrence of such activity or activities including actions taken upon by Dzongkhag and Gewog Administrations, Returning or and Assistant Returning Officers and other Electoral Officers]

6. Recommended Actions to be Taken

[Please recommend actions to be taken depending on the seriousness of each activity. Note that the final decision to take actions will be decided by the Election Commission]

7. Report on the weekly expenditure reports of Candidates

[Please report whether the Candidates in your respective Demkhongs have filed their weekly expenditure reports with you]

NB: All the points and events reported must be as self-conclusive as possible with specific mention of time, place and details of persons associated or involved. Where the infraction of laws and rules are reported these should also be quoted for ease and correctness of expected actions to be taken on the observations.

Please note that a copy of the report must be submitted to the Election Commission and the concerned Returning Officer, while the original should be part of the National Observer's Main Report.

An Observer shall note that, in an event of dispute/petition, the report shall be used as evidence.

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Election Observation Form No. 2

Polling Station Observation Report
(Use as Annexure to the Observer's Main Report)

Polling Station	Polling Station Name	Polling Station Code	Demkhong (Constituency)



Observer	Name
	Mr./Ms./Mrs./Dr.:

Time (Visiting Hour) (24 Hour Clock)	Arrival	Hour : Min	Departure	Hour : Min

When did the Polling Station Open? (If observed)	Hour : Min

Voters	No. of Registered Voters	Voters	No. of Voters having voted	Voters	No. of Voters counted at	Hour : Min



Did you observe any of the following problems/irregularities?

Irregularities observed by you	Circumstances	1. Intimidation of voters		Yes		No
		2. Agitation/unrest		Yes		No
		3. Campaigning at Polling Station		Yes		No
		4. Had voting been suspended at any time?		Yes		No



Procedures	1. Identification checked against Voters' List	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	2. Voters produced VPIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	3. Voters signed the Voters' Register	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	4. Indelible Ink applied properly on voters	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	5. Secrecy of Ballot Unit maintained	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	6. Illiterate/handicapped voters assisted properly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	7. Polling Reps. maintained decorum	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	8. Insufficient or wrong voting materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	9. EVM securely sealed by RO and PO	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	10. Other problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	11. Time taken to process one voter?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Overall Impression

In general, the conduct of the Poll at this Polling Station was

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Very Good	Good	Bad	Very Bad



General remarks about voting process



Voters



Irregularities observed by you

Nature of problems/irregularities observed:

Was anybody refused the right to vote

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No		Yes



Lack of proper documents

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes		No

Not in the Voters' List

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes		No

Other reasons

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes		No

Please, indicate an overall opinion as to circumstances, procedures followed and comprehension

Circumstances

Very good		Very bad	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Procedure followed

Very good		Very bad	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Voters understanding of voting process

Very good		Very bad	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Overall impression

Presiding Officer (PO)

1. Did the PO provide information on request?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know
2. Was the PO acting impartially?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know
3. Were all members of the PO involved in the process?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know
4. Was your presence as Observer accepted by the PO?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know
5. Other Problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know

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People Present

Representatives of Party/Candidates present

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	If yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	2.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	3.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	4.	
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	No
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	Don't Know
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Other people present	1. National/Micro Observers		Present		Not Present		Don't Know
	2. International Observers		Present		Not Present		Don't Know
	3. Media people		Present		Not Present		Don't Know
	4. Unauthorised people						

Did you speak to?		National Observer/International Observers
		Representatives of the Parties/Candidates
		Media representatives
		Unauthorized People

Voters

Security measures	1. Did the Party/Candidate Representatives or National Observers indicate any problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, many	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, a few	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	2. Security Personnel present inside station	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don't know
	3. Security Personnel present outside station	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don't know
	4. Did you feel the quality of the security measures was good?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don't know

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E **Presiding Officer (PO)**



People Present



Security measures

Disruptions during the day

1. Identification checked against Voters' List

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know
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2. Voters produced VPIC

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know
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3. Voters signed the Voters' Register

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know
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4. Indelible Ink applied properly on voters

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know
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5. Secrecy of Ballot Unit maintained

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know
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Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

Signature

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Outline for the Main Report of National Observers

Name of Elections:

1. Background

[Please specify and provide information with regard to your appointment and geographical jurisdiction for the election observation]

2. The Electoral Administration

[Please specify and explain in detail the system and procedures in place for conduct of elections in your Demkhong, and the arrangements made for the conduct of free and fair elections. Review and report on the manner of the public election fund released, postal ballot handling, the election advertising and media sponsorship provisions implemented]

3. Voter and Civic Education

[Please provide details as to how prepared the voters were to objectively vote in the elections and the level of information dissemination with regard to Candidates, electoral process, etc.]

4. Voter Registration

[Please provide details with regard to the extent of voter registration and preparedness to vote in elections in your Demkhong. Also, provide details of any inclusion or exclusion made to the Electoral Roll]

5. Candidates and/or Political Parties

[Please provide profiles of Candidates involved contesting elections in your Demkhong or Dzongkhag. Provide details of activities carried out by them over the entire election cycle or period. Include observatory report on conduct of the candidate financial management practices and systems as per the format prescribed. Please be vigilant and report any irregularities and electoral malpractices observed and in particular the involvement of political parties and their members]

6. Election Security

[Please provide an account of the security arrangements and security provided to the polling teams, election materials and secured storerooms as well as the voter in general such that every voter felt safe and secure to turn out to vote freely in the polling station was maintained. Any untoward incidences including coercion, intimidation or threat to voters and polling officials that took place must be reported as appropriate and completely to enable effective actions to be taken]

7. Media

[Please provide an account of the conduct of the media personnel, media's coverage in the entire election cycle or period and also report any violation of the electoral laws and cases of evident partial reporting and coverage. Media also includes foreign media agencies and personnel]

8. Election Observation

*[This part forms the crux of the entire report and therefore should be specified in detail to include observations during the pre-campaign period, campaign period, the poll day and post poll observations including counting and declaration of results. The observations of the poll day must be based on facts and observations made and recorded in the **Polling Station Observation Report** maintained for each polling station covered by you. Please provide an account of the voter turn-out and the behavior of the conduct of general voter, the level of voter enthusiasm and satisfaction of the process, environment and election administration]*

9. Conclusions

[Please provide an account of the general understanding gained from observation of the elections and how well the elections were conducted, the shortcomings and inadequacies. You could include any action that were taken by you or any action taken by concerned authority based on your on-the-spot recommendations and suggestions.]

10. Recommendations

[Please recommend changes and improvements needed in the conduct of future elections and delivery of electoral services including any further actions that are

necessary to be taken by the Election Commission or any other authorities of the Royal Government]

NB: All the points and event reported must be as self-conclusive as possible with specific mention of time, place and details of persons associated or involved. Where the infraction of laws and rules are reported these should also be quoted for ease and correctness of expected actions to be taken on the observations.

The observations of the Micro Observers must be incorporated into the Main Report submitted Post-Poll.

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Annexure 2

Letter of Intent

1. **Letter of Intent**
2. **Annexure 1:** Tentative List of *Forty-Seven Demngos* for General Elections
3. **Annexure 2:** Tentative Schedule of Election Campaign
4. **Annexure 3A: Public Election Fund Form No. 2A** – Voluntary Contribution Declaration Form
5. **Annexure 3B: Public Election Fund Form No. 4** – Expense Return Form
6. **Annexure 3C: Public Election Fund Form No. 5** – Outstanding Liabilities Report Form
7. **Annexure 4A:** Branch Offices set up in the Dzongkhags
8. **Annexure 4B:** List of Registered Members by Dzongkhags

Election Commission of Bhutan



Forms for Letter of Intent

Name of the Political Party:



Ref:

Letter of Intent

The Chief Election Commissioner of Bhutan
Election Commission of Bhutan
Post Box No. 2008
Thimphu

Sir,

The Party bearing Party Registration No:, as per Section 198 of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2008, is honoured to submit this Letter of Intent (LOI) confirming our intention to participate in the Primary Round of Second Parliamentary Elections 2013 announced by the Election Commission of Bhutan vide Notification No: dated DD / MM / 2013.

We hereby submit the following documents as Annexures:

1. The Tentative List of Forty-Seven Candidates that would be fielded to contest the General Election as at **Annexure 1**.
2. A Tentative Schedule of Election Campaigns for Primary Round to be conducted in the *Demkhongs* as **Annexure 2**;
3. Financial Statement as at the end of the month preceding the submission of Letter of Intent as at **Annexure 3**;
4. Lists of Party Offices in Dzongkhags and Registered Members as at **Annexure 4A** and **4B**;
5. A report regarding the fulfillment of conditions and subsequent directives of the Election Commission of Bhutan on adoption of Party Charter and election of Executive Committee Members in Party Convention as **Annexure 5**; and
6. A copy of the Election Manifesto as separate attachment to this Booklet.

We, hereby, certify by signing below that the information contained in this Letter of Intent and the **Annexures** is true, correct and complete.

Name:

Seal & Signature of the General Secretary (

) Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

Name:

Seal & Signature of the President (

) Dated: DD / MM / YYYY



Tentative List of Forty-Seven *Demngos* for General Elections

Sl. No.	Dzongkhag (1)	Name of <i>Demkhong</i> (2)	Name of <i>Demngo</i> (3)	VPIC No. (4)	RUB Letter of Attestation No. (5)	Signature of <i>Demngo</i> (6)
1.	Bumthang	1. Chhoekhor_Tang				
		2. Chhumig_Ura				
2.	Chhukha	3. Bongo_Chapchha				
		4. Phuentshogling				
3.	Dagana	5. Drukjeygang_Tseza				
		6. Lhamoi Dzingkha_Tashiding				
4.	Gasa	7. Khamaed_Lunana				
		8. Khatoed_Laya				
5.	Haa	9. Bji_Kar-Tshog_Uesu				
		10. Sombaykha				
6.	Lhuentse	11. Gangzur_Minjey				
		12. Maenbi_Tsaenkhar				
7.	Monggar	13. Dramedtse_Ngatshang				
		14. Kengkhar_Weringla				
		15. Monggar				

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
8.	Paro	16. Dokar_Sharpa				
		17. Lamgong_Wangchang				
9.	Pema Gatshel	18. Khar_Yurung				
		19. Nanong_Shumar				
		20. Nganglam				
10.	Punakha	21. Kabji_Talog				
		22. Lingmukha_Toedwang				
11.	Samdrup Jongkhar	23. Dewathang_Gomdar				
		24. Jomotshangkha_Martshala				
12.	Samtse	25. Dophuchen_Tading				
		26. Phuentshogpelri_Samtse				
		27. Tashichhoeling				
		28. Ugyentse_Yoeseltse				
13.	Sarpang	29. Gelegphu				
		30. Shompangkha				
14.	Thimphu	31. North Thim Throm_Kawang_Lingzhi_Naro_Soe				
		32. South Thim Throm_Chang_Darkarla_Ge-nyen_Maedwang				

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
15.	Trashigang	33. Bartsham_Shongphu				
		34. Kanglung_Samkhar_Udzorong				
		35. Radhi_Sagteng				
		36. Thrimshing				
		37. Wamrong				
16.	Trashi Yangtse	38. Boomdeling_Jamkhar				
		39. Khamdang_Ramjar				
17.	Trongsa	40. Draagteng_Langthil				
		41. Nubi_Tangsibji				
18.	Tsirang	42. Kilkhorthang_Mendrelgang				
		43. Sergithang_Tsirang Toed				
19.	Wangdue Phodrang	44. Athang_Thedtsho				
		45. Nyishog_Saephu				
20.	Zhemgang	46. Bardo_Trong				
		47. Panbang				

General Secretary
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

President
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY



Tentative Schedule of Election Campaign

Demkhong:

Dzongkhag:

Sl. No.	Gewog/Village	Date of Campaign
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

(Use additional sheets as required)

General Secretary
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

President
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY



Voluntary Contribution Declaration Form

Details of Contributions received for the period from DD / MM / YYYY (date of last audit or in case of new political party it shall be the Date of Formation) to DD / MM / YYYY (date of submission of Letter of Intent)

Name of the Party:

Address:

Sl. No.	VPIC No.	Name & Address of the Contributor	Contribution Received		Receipt No.	Date of Receipt	Remarks
			Cash	Kind			
Sub Total							
Grand Total (on last page only)							

(Use separate sheet in case the number of members doesn't fit on this sheet)

I hereby certify that the information on this report is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Treasurer
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

General Secretary
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

Certified by:
Fund Manager
Public Election Fund Division
Election Commission of Bhutan



Expense Return Form

Details of expenses incurred for the period from DD / MM / YYYY (date of last audit or in case of new Political Party it shall be the Date of Formation) to DD / MM / YYYY (date of submission of Letter of Intent)

Name of the Party:

Address:

Sl. No.	Date of Payment	Bill / Cash Memo	Name and Address of the Claimant	Head of Expenses	Amount (Nu.)	Remarks

(Use separate sheet in case the number of members doesn't fit on this sheet)

- 1. SUBTOTAL OF EXPENSES (this page)
- 2. TOTAL EXPENSES (B/F from the last page)
- TOTAL CASH EXPENSES**
- ADD: TOTAL OUTSTANDING LIABILITIES**
- TOTAL EXPENSES**

I hereby certify that the information on this report is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Treasurer
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

General Secretary
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

Certified by:
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Election Commission of Bhutan



Outstanding Liabilities Report Form

Details of pending bills for the period from DD / MM / YYYY (date of last audit or in case of new Political Party it shall be the Date of Formation) to DD / MM / YYYY (date of submission of Letter of Intent)

Name of the Party:

Address:

Sl. No.	Bill / Cash Memo	Name and Address of the Claimant	Head of Expenses	Amount (Nu.)	Remarks

- 1. SUBTOTAL (this page)
- 2. **TOTAL OUTSTANDING LIABILITIES** (B/F from the last page)

I hereby certify that the information on this report is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Treasurer
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

General Secretary
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY



Annexure 4A

Branch Offices set up in the Dzongkhags

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Branch Office (1)	Contact Nos. (2)	Names of Office Bearers (3)
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12.			

	(1)	(2)	(3)
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19.			
20.			

General Secretary
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

President
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY



List of Registered Members by Dzongkhag

(As of DD / MM / YYYY)

Sl. No.	Name of Member	VPIC No.	Gewog	Dzongkhag

(Use additional sheets as required)

General Secretary
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

President
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

Annexure 3

Candidate Nomination Papers

1. **Returning Officer Form No. 5A:** Nomination Paper For Candidate Contesting National Assembly Election
2. **Returning Officer Form No. 6:** Notice Of Endorsement Of Nomination Of The Candidate (General Elections to National Assembly)
3. **Returning Officer Form No. 7:** Affidavit
4. **Asset Declaration Form No. 3**
5. **Procedure for Online Security Clearance for Elections and Audit Clearance**
6. **Security Clearance Certificate**
7. **Audit Clearance Certificate**
8. **Relieving Order On Separation**
9. **Tax Clearance Certificate**



Returning Officer Form No. 5A

NOMINATION PAPER FOR CANDIDATE CONTESTING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTION

I hereby submit my nomination to contest the General Elections in *Demkhong* Dzongkhag as the Candidate of Political Party.

The details are as furnished hereunder:

Name :	
Date of Birth :	
VPIC No. :	
Village :	
Name of Spouse :	
CID Card No. of Spouse :	
Academic Qualification : (Attach Letter of Attestation)	
Asset Declaration Form : (Attach the filled in Form)	
Security Clearance Certificate : (Attach original copy)	
Relieving Order (if relevant) : (Attach original copy)	
Tax Clearance Certificate : (Attach original copy)	
Audit Clearance Certificate : (Attach original copy)	
Marriage Certificate : (Attach photocopy)	

I, hereby, attest that I:

1. Have not been accused of felony in a pending case and no Court has taken cognizance and charges framed against me;

2. Have not been dismissed or removed from public service;
3. Have not failed to lodge account of election expenses as required by law;
4. Have not solicited or resorted to any form of fund raising for campaigning from any sources prohibited by law;
5. Do not have an existing contract with the government which has not been fully performed;
6. Am not married to a person who is not a citizen of Bhutan;
7. Am not in arrears of taxes or other dues to government;
8. Am not working as a civil servant;
9. Do not hold any office of profit;
10. Have contested in previous elections and have lodged account of election expenses within the time and in the manner required by law.

In testimony thereof, the Affidavit is attached.

Date:	DD / MM / YYYY	Name:	
Place:			
Signature:			Legal Stamp

Countersigned by:

1. Name & Signature of <i>Party President</i> :	
2. Name & Signature of <i>Party General Secretary</i> :	

(To be filled by the Returning Officer)

Serial No. of Nomination Paper

This Nomination Paper was delivered to me at my office at (hour) on DD / MM / YYYY (date) by the Candidate.

All nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at (hour) on DD / MM / YYYY (date) at (place).

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

Returning Officer

..... *Demkhong*



Returning Officer Form No. 6

NOTICE OF ENDORSEMENT OF NOMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

General Elections to National Assembly

To,
Returning Officer

.....
.....

Subject: **NOTICE OF ENDORSEMENT OF NOMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE**

We declare that Party bearing Registration No. endorses the nomination of:

Candidate's Name.....
Father's/Mother's Name:
Spouse's Name:

His/her name is entered at Sl. No. of the Electoral Roll for *Demkhong*.

I hereby issue this notice of endorsement under the authority vested in me by the Political Party.

Designation of Signatory authorized by the Party:

Name:

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

Signature

Place:



Returning Officer Form No. 7

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འབྲི་

གཤམ་

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རོང་ལག་.....

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ཕྱིན་ཚད་

བརྗེན་ཞུའི་རིམ་པ་རེ་འབྲོན་ཚེ་ཉེས་འགེལ་ཞུ་བ་ལྟར་རྗེན་མནའ་དང་ལྷན་གསོད་ཀྱི་ཉེས་ཁྲིམས་སྒྲིག་ཚུ་བ་བཅས་

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**Royal University of Bhutan
Office of the vice Chancellor
Motithang, Thimphu
Bhutan
P.O. Box 708**

Ref. No.

Dated:

Letter of Attestation

This is to certify that as required the Royal University of Bhutan had verified the Bachelors/Masters/M.Phil/Ph.D Degree awarded to Mr./Ms byUniversity bearing Certificate No..... dated and is satisfied that it fulfills the criteria of a **Formal University Degree** in accordance with the Guidelines issued by the Election Commission of Bhutan on Interpretation and Implementation of Sections 176(d), 177(d) and 178(d)of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan.

Reference documents and brief report of scrutiny carried out is sent to the Department of Electoral Registration, Election Commission of Bhutan, for record.

In testimony thereof, the Royal University is pleased to issue this Letter of Attestation.

Signature

Vice Chancellor

Royal University of Bhutan

Thimphu

SEAL



**ASSET DECLARATION FORM FOR FILING NOMINATION TO
PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS**

1. A candidate shall declare the income, asset and liability including that of his/her spouse(s) and dependent children in one form.
2. The Declaration shall be submitted at the time of filing the Nomination Papers.

Part I – General Information

a) Details of the Declarant

Name : _____

VPIC No. : _____

Type of Election (tick one) : **National Council Elections / General Elections to National Assembly**

Present Address : _____

b) Details of Spouse(s)

Name : _____

VPIC No. : _____

If employed, name of the Agency : _____

c) Details of Children

Name	Citizenship ID Card No.	VPIC No.	Date of Birth	If employed, name of Agency

Part II – Declaration of Income, Assets and Liabilities

If you, your spouse or your children own assets, please provide details under the relevant sections of the Tables A-E given below:

Table A: Immovable Property

Type of Property	Name of the registered owner	Relation to the Declarant	Plot/Thram/ House No.	Location	Estimated Market Value	Date of Acquisition

Table B: Shares and Stocks Declaration Form

Name of the registered owner	Relation to the Declarant	Certificate Number	Number of Shares/ Stocks	Company or Business holding Shares/ Stocks	Estimated Market Value	Date of Acquisition

Table C: Vehicle/ Machineries Declaration Form

Name of the registered owner	Relation to the Declarant	Type of Vehicle/ Machineries	Registration No.	Estimated Value	Acquisition (Inherited/ Purchased/ Others)	Remarks

Table D: Declaration of Interest bearing Deposits

Name of owner	Relation to the Declarant	Type of Deposits	Account No.	Bank/ Companies	Amount	Source

Table E: Declaration of other Assets and Activities not specified

Name of owner	Relation to the Declarant	Type of Assets/ Activities	Estimated Value	Date of Acquisition	Remarks if Any

Part III – Income Statement

Types of Income	Declarant	Spouse(s)	Child			Total
			1	2	3	
Income from employment						
Rental income from land & building						
Interest income from deposits & securities						
Income from Shareholdings						
Income from hire of vehicles or any other property except land & building						
Any other incomes not specified above						
Grand Total						

Part IV – Liabilities (Loans)

Name of Debtor	Creditor (Name of Financial Institution)	Loan Amount	Loan Outstanding	Purpose	Remarks if Any

Part V – Personal Income Certificate

I hereby enclose the Personal Income Tax Certificate issued to us by the Taxing authorities for the year

Declaration:

I hereby declare that the information given in this Form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. In case any information is found incorrect, I assume full responsibility thereof and shall be liable for prosecution as per the laws of the Kingdom of Bhutan.

(Name and Signature of the Declarant)

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

Countersigned by:

(Name and Signature of Spouse)

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

(Name and Signature of Children)

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Procedure for Online Clearances

Online Security Clearance for Elections

For a nomination to contest an election in Bhutan and as a part of nomination papers to be filed to a Returning Officer, a candidate will have to provide Security Clearance Certificate specifically issued for election purposes. Security Clearance is now provided as an online service by the Royal Bhutan Police. A candidate is required to visit <http://scs.rbp.gov.bt/status/> to apply for Security Clearance. While filing in the online application, choose “Election” from the dropdown menu under the Purpose filed.

Once an application for Security Clearance has been made, status of the application can be tracked, and upon approval by the Royal Bhutan Police the screenshot (webpage) displaying the approved status of the Security Clearance can be printed out and the copy is to be provided to a Returning Officer at the time of submission of nomination papers.

Alternatively, once an application for Security Clearance has been made and approved, a Returning Officer can also directly view the screenshot (webpage) displaying the approved status of the Security Clearance using the CID No. of a candidate.

If print out of the actual Security Clearance Certificate is required, the respective Dzongkhag Election Officers can be contacted.

Online Audit Clearance for Elections

For Audit Clearance, a candidate may approach the concerned Dzongkhag Election Officer who will initiate the process of applying the Audit Clearance through the designated Dzongkhag Administration’s operator of the online Audit Clearance system.

Once the application has been approved, the designated operator of the online Audit Clearance system will provide the print out copy which must be submitted at the time of submission of nomination papers.



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ROYAL BHUTAN POLICE

RBP/HQ/382/ES/2007/ (00000045678)

Date:

Security Clearance Certificate

For: Election

This is to certify that Mr./Mrs. S/D/O

..... of village

Gewog under Dzongkhag

holding House No. Thram No. has no

adverse record with the police till date. This certificate is valid only for one year from the date

of issue.

CHIEF OF POLICE



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ང་འཇོན།

ROYAL AUDIT AUTHORITY

Bhutan Integrity House



Reporting on Economy, Efficiency & Effectiveness in the Use of Public Resources

Ref No. Ag(26)/2007

Dated:..... Audit

Clearance No:

AUDIT CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

The Royal Audit Authority is pleased to issue the Audit Clearance Certificate to

.....[Name] [EmpID], (Designation), of [Agency] for processing his/her [Purpose] as there is no outstanding or adverse reports as of [Current Date] as per the record of the Royal Audit Authority.

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AUDITOR GENERAL OF BHUTAN

Please Note That:

1. This is valid for six months from the date of issue, and
2. This is neither a substitute for performance assessment nor clearance for offenses and lapses Administrative, Civil or Criminal nature.
3. Audit Clearance Certificate can be obtained from the nearest Audit Office.

RELIEVING ORDER ON SEPARATION

Ministry/ Agency File No.....

Dated:

RELIEVING ORDER (SEPARATION)

The Royal Government is pleased to accept the voluntary resignation / superannuation of:

1. Name :
2. Employee ID No. :
3. Position Title :
4. Position Level :
5. Sub Level :
6. Date of Initial Appointment :
7. Relieving Date :
8. Type of Separation :

He/she is admissible to claim the post-retirement benefits as per the existing Retirement Rules and Regulations.

(Head of the Ministry/Department/Agency)

Copy to:

1. Secretary, RCSC, Thimphu
2. AFD of the Ministry/Agency
3. Personnel Information and Record Section of the Ministry/Agency
4. Director, National Pension Provident Fund Bureau, Thimphu
5. The Auditor General, Royal Audit Authority, Thimphu

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Tax Clearance Certificate

(This certificate is issued for election purposes only)

.1\l\l'fZ:./Certificate No.:.....

§';. ..,- /Date of Issue.....

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Authorised Signatory

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Official Seal

Annexure 4

Election Campaign Fund Related Forms

1. **Public Election Fund Form No 1A:** Application for Election Campaign Fund – Political Parties (Primary Round)
2. **Public Election Fund Form No. 1B:** Application for Election Campaign Fund – Candidates (General Elections)
3. **Public Election Fund Form No. 3:** Campaign Expenses Return Form
4. **Public Election Fund Form No. 7A:** Election Return Form – Party
5. **Public Election Fund Form No. 9A:** Public Inspection Form for Primary Elections
6. **Public Election Fund Form No. 7B:** Election Return Form - National Assembly Candidate
7. **Public Election Fund Form No. 9B:** Public Inspection Form for General Elections/National Council Elections
8. **Public Election Fund Form No. 10:** Hand Receipt/Bill
9. **Public Election Fund Form No. 11:** Expenditure Verification Form



Public Election Fund Form No. 1A

Fund Application Form - Political Party

To,
The Chief Election Commissioner,
Election Commission of Bhutan,
P. O. Box No. 2008,
Thimphu, Bhutan.

Sir,

I, _____, the Treasurer of _____ Party, on behalf of the Party would like to submit this application for the Election Campaign Fund for contesting the Primary Round elections to the National Assembly to be held on _____

Name of the Party: -----
Party Registration No.: -----

Name

President of the Party: -----
Secretary of the Party: -----
Treasurer of the Party: -----
Address of Registered Party Office: -----
Contact Number: -----
Campaign Account No.: -----
Name of Bank & Branch: -----

Please sanction the transfer of fund allotted to our campaign A/C.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Treasurer
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

Party Secretary
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY



Public Election Fund Form No. 1B

Fund Application Form - Candidate

To,
The Chief Election Commissioner,
Election Commission of Bhutan,
P. O. Box No. 2008,
Thimphu, Bhutan.

Sir,

I, _____, the nominated candidate of _____
Party, from _____ Demkhong would like to submit this application for the Election
Campaign Fund for contesting the General Election of _____ (year) to be held on

Name of Candidate: -----
Party Registration No.: -----
ECB Letter of Acceptance No.: -----
Campaign Account No.: -----
Name of Bank & Branch: -----

Please sanction the transfer of fund allotted to my Campaign A/C.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Candidate
Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

Contact Address & Tel. No.....

Party Secretary
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY



Public Election Fund Form No. 10

Hand Receipt/Bill

No. 000.....

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

Name of Party/Candidate: Reg. -----

No/VPIC No.: -----

Demkhong/Gewog/Chiwog/Throm: -----

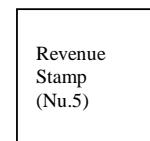
Dzongkhag: -----

Type of Election: -----

Sl. No.	Particulars	Qty./No of days	Rate	Amount	
				Nu.	Ch.
Total Amount					

Received a sum of Nu..... (Ngultrums..... only)
 from vide cash/cheque. No.:

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY



Received by: Name and signature/thumb print: -----

VPIC No.: -----

Address & Contact No.: -----

Entered in Field Expenditure Diary page no.: -----

Verified By: Name, Signature & Date: -----

National Observer -----

Authorized person -----



Public Election Fund Form No. 3

Campaign Expenses Return Form

Details of Campaign Expenses for the period from _____ to _____

Name of the Party/Candidate: _____

Address: _____

Sl. No.	Date of payment	Bill / Ref No.	Name and Address of the Claimant	Head of Expenses	Amount
Sub Total					
Grand Total (on last page only)					

TOTAL EXPENSES FROM THE CAMPAIGN FUND -----

I hereby certify that the information furnished is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Candidate/Treasurer of Party
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY



Public Election Fund Form No. 7A

Election Return Form - Party

To,
The Chief Election Commissioner,
Election Commission of Bhutan,
P. O. Box No. 2008,
Thimphu, Bhutan.

Sir,

I, _____, the treasurer of _____ Party, on behalf of the party would like to submit this Election Return for the Fund received for the Primary Election to the National Assembly held on _____

Name of the Party:	-----
Party Registration No.:	-----
President of the Party:	-----
Secretary of the Party:	-----
Treasurer of the Party:	-----
Address of Registered Party Office:	-----
Contact Number:	-----
Campaign Account No.:	-----
Fund Received:	-----
Members Contribution used for Campaign (As per Public Election Fund Form Nos. 2A & 2B):	-----
Total Amount Received:	-----
Less: Campaign Expenses (as per Form No. 3)	-----
Balance on Campaign Fund:	-----

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Treasurer
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

Party Secretary
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY



Public Election Fund Form No. 11

Expenditure Verification Form

Name of the Party/Candidate: -----

Address: -----

Sl. No.	Date of Verification	Bill/ Ref No.	Head of Expenses	Amount	Remarks

Name and Signature of the Observer: -----

Demkhong: -----

Dzongkhag: -----

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY



Public Election Fund Form No. 9A

Public Inspection Form for Primary Elections

No. of Political Parties	1	2	3	4	5
Name of Political Party					
Party registration No.					
Name of President					
Name of Secretary					
No. of registered members					
Total Contributions Received					
Fund received from ECB					
Contributions used for Campaign					
Total funds for the Campaign					
Total Expenditure incurred					
Balance amount if any					

Prepared by:

Approved by:

**Fund Manager
Seal & Signature**

**Chief Election Commissioner
Seal & Signature**



Public Election Fund Form No. 9B

Public Inspection Form for General Elections/National Council Elections

Sl. No.	Name of Candidate	VPIC No.	Name of Party/ Gewog	Demkhong	Dzongkhag	Fund disbursed (Nu.)	Fund given by the Party (GE) (Nu.)	Total Amount Spent (Nu.)	Difference Amount (Nu.)

Prepared by:
 Approved by:

Fund Manager
 Seal & Signature

Chief Election Commissioner
 Seal & Signature



Public Election Fund Form No. 7B

Election Return Form - National Assembly Candidate

To,
The Chief Election Commissioner,
Election Commission of Bhutan,
P. O. Box No. 2008,
Thimphu, Bhutan.

Sir,

I, _____, the candidate from _____ *Demkhong* of
_____ Party, would like to submit this Election Return for the Fund received for the
General Election to the National Assembly held on _____

Name of the Candidate:	-----
Name of the Party:	-----
ECB letter of Acceptance No.:	-----
Campaign Account No.:	-----
Fund Received:	-----
Party Contribution:	-----
Total Amount Received:	-----
Less: Campaign Expenses (as per PEF Form No. 3):	-----
Balance on Campaign Fund:	-----

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Candidate
Signature
Contact Address & Tel. No:

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

Party Secretary
Seal & Signature

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY



Public Election Fund Form No. 9A

Public Inspection Form for Primary Elections

No. of Political Parties	1	2	3	4	5
Name of Political Party					
Party registration No.					
Name of President					
Name of Secretary					
No. of registered members					
Total Contributions Received					
Fund received from ECB					
Contributions used for Campaign					
Total funds for the Campaign					
Total Expenditure incurred					
Balance amount if any					

Prepared by:

Approved by:

**Fund Manager
Seal & Signature**

**Chief Election Commissioner
Seal & Signature**

Annexure 5

Election Complaint Form

1. **Election Dispute Settlement Form No. 1:** Election Complaint Form (English and Dzongkha)



Election Dispute Settlement Form No. 1

Election Complaint Form

To

Chief Election Commissioner

Election Commission of Bhutan

Thimphu

or

Chief Election Coordinator/National Observer/Returning Officer

..... *Demkhong*

..... *Dzongkhag*

I, Mr./Mrs., bearing Voter Photo Identity Card (VPIC)/Citizenship Identity Card number of (permanent address) would like to lodge, under Rule 9 of the Election Dispute Settlement Rules and Regulations 2013, a complaint related to the elections in *Gewog/Thromde* of Dzongkhag.

The details of the complaint are as follows:

1. Case of controversy

2. The legal provisions of the Electoral Laws which has been/ is being breached and is the ground of the complaint

3. All material facts of the case (e.g. place, date, time, identification and details of witness cause of action, documentary and/ or other physical evidence etc.); and

4. Name of the parties/ Candidates/ Individuals against whom the complaint is filed.

I hereby, in testimony of the above and in full knowledge that appropriate action can be taken under the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan 2008, put my signature here-below:

.....

Affix Legal Stamp

(Name of Complainant)

(Present Residential/Work Address and Telephone Number)

This must be signed by the complainant with proper address and contact details

Date: DD / MM / YYYY

.....

(Name and Designation of Receiver)

Election Complaint Receiving Authority

Date of Receipt: DD / MM / YYYY

Handed over to the:

Chief Election Coordinator/Chief Election Commissioner on (date): DD / MM / YYYY



Election Dispute Settlement Form No. 1

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འི་རནོ

བཙག་འཐུ་ལྷོན་འཛིན་

སྤྱི་ཁུབ་/

བཙག་འཐུ་འགོ་བློན་སྤྱི་

ཁུབ་/

ཆུལ་ཡོངས་ལྷོ་རོག་པ་ ལྷོ་རོག་པ་/

/ཕྱུ་དམོ

ངོས་ལེན་འགོ་དཔོན་/ཞིབ་རོགས་ངོས་ལེན་འགོ་དཔོན་

.....འདྲེམས་ཁོངས།

.....རོང་ཁག།

ཞུ་དོན་ མི་ངོམ་.....ཚོགས་ཆུབ་སྤྱུར་མི་ངོས་འཛིན་འདུ་བར་ཨང་.....

ཅན་མ་འཆང་མི་ གཏན་འཇགས་ཁ་བུང་.....

སོད་མི་རང་གིས་

..... རོང་ཁག་གི་ ལྷོ་མ་སྤེ/ ཆེད་འོག་ནང་ལུ་

བཙག་འཐུ་དང་

འབྲེལ་བའི་ཉོགས་བཤད་འདི་

འབྲུག་གི་བཙག་འཐུའི་རོད་ཉོགས་སེལ་ཐབས་བཅའ་ཡིག་དང་སྤྱི་གས་གཞིས་༢༠༡༣ ཅན་མའི་དམོ

༧.༩ པ་དང་འབྲེལ་བཙུགས་པ་ཨིན།

ཉོགས་བཤད་འདི་གི་ཁ་གསལ་ཚུ་ གཤམ་གསལ་ལྟར་དུ་ཨིན།

༡. རོད་ཉོགས་ཀྱི་གནད་དོན།

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ཅི་
ལས་
འག
ལ་
ཡོ
དཔ།

༢. ཉོགས་གཤད་ཀྱི་ཆུབ་ཁུངས་ལུ་ བཙག་འཐུ་དང་འབྲེལ་བའི་འདྲེམས་ལུགས་ཀྱི་དགོངས་དོན་

ཚན་

༢. རོད་ཉོགས་ཀྱི་ནང་དོན་ཁ་གསལ་ (དཔེ་འབད་ནི་ ས་གནས་ ཚེས་གྲངས་ དུས་ཚོད་
དཔང་པོ་འི་འོས་འཛིན་དང་ཁ་གསལ་ རོད་ཉོགས་ཀྱི་རྒྱ་རྒྱེན་ ཡིག་ཆ་ དང་ཡང་ན་
མིག་མཐོང་ལག་བཟུང་གི་སྐབས་བྱེད་གཞན་ ལ་སོགས་པ་)

༣. ཉོགས་བཤད་ག་ལུ་བཀོད་པ་ཨིན་ན་ སྲིད་དོན་ཚོགས་པ་/འདེམས་ངོ་/ངོ་རྒྱུང་ཚུ་གི་མིང་།

གོང་འཁོད་ཀྱི་གནད་དོན་ཚུ་ ང་རའི་བདེན་དཔུད་ཀྱི་ཤེས་རོགས་ཨིན་མ་ལས་
འབྲུག་གི་བཙག་འཐུའི་བཅའ་ཁར་མིམས་^{༢༠༠༥} ཅན་མ་ ལྟར་དུ་ འོས་ལཱ་ན་གྱི་དང་ལེན་གནང་ཐུབ་ལུ་
ང་རའི་མིང་རགས་དང་བཅས་ལུ་བར་མཁྱེན།

ཁྱིམས་རགས་འབུར།

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(ད་ལྟོ་འི་སོད་གནས་/ལཱ་གཡོག་འབད་བའི་ཁ་བུང་
བརྒྱུད་འཕྲིན་ཨང་)
ཚེས་གྲངས་.....

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བཙག་འཐུ་འགོ་འདྲེན་སྤྱི་ཁབ་/བཙག་འཐུ་ལྟན་འཛིན་སྤྱི་ཁབ་ལུ་སྤྱི་ཚེས་
.....ལུ་ཕུལ་ཡི།

Annexure 6

List of Forms for Counting, Consolidation, Announcement and Declaration of the Results

1. **EVM Form No. 2:** Summary Report on Votes Polled as per section 15.2 of the EVM Rules and Regulations (Primary Round/General Elections)
2. **EVM Form No. 3A:** Final Result Sheet (Primary Round)
3. **EVM Form No. 3B:** Final Result Sheet (General Elections)
4. **EVM Form No. 4 (Final Result Sheet Form No. 1A):** Consolidation of EVM & Postal Ballot Results (Primary Round)
5. **EVM Form No. 4 (Final Result Sheet Form No. 1B):** Consolidation of EVM & Postal Ballot Results (General Elections)
6. **Result Sheet Form No. 2A:** National Results Centre Final Result Sheet For All *Demkhongs* (Primary Round)
7. **Result Sheet Form No. 2B:** National Results Centre Final Result Sheet For All *Demkhongs* (General Elections)
8. **Postal Ballot Form No. 4:** Postal Ballot Result Sheet (Primary Round)
9. **Postal Ballot Form No. 4:** Postal Ballot Result Sheet (General Elections)
10. **Result Announcement Form No. 5B:** Announcement of Result of Poll (General Elections)
11. **Returning Officer Form No. 14:** Clearance for Announcement of Result (Primary Round)
12. **Returning Officer Form No. 14:** Clearance for Announcement of Result (General Elections)



PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

**National Assembly Elections
Primary Round/General Elections**

**To,
The Returning Officer**

..... *Demkhong*

Subject: Summary Report on Votes Polled as per section 15.2 of the EVM Rules and Regulations

Sl. No.	Particulars	Number of Votes		
		Male	Female	Total
1	Total number of Registered Voters as per the Voter's List			
2	Total number of votes polled as per the Voter's List			
3	Total number of votes polled as per Register of Voters			
4	Total number of votes polled as per Voter's Slips (Presiding Officer Form No. 3)			
5	Total number of Provisional Vote Declaration Forms received (Presiding Officer Form No. 5)			
6	Total number of Provisional Votes cast (if any) (Presiding Officer Form No. 5)			
7	Total number of votes polled as per EVM (EVM Form No. 3A/3B)			

Name of Polling Station: **Name:**

Polling Station Code: **Seal & Signature of Presiding Officer**

Date: DD / MM / YYYY

Signature of Polling Representatives:

1. 2.
3. 4.



PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

**National Assembly Elections
Primary Round**

Polling Station/Counting Centre

EVM Result Sheet

(To be submitted to the Returning Officer by the Presiding Officer as per section 18.6 of the EVM Rules and Regulations)

Name of Polling Station:

Polling Station Code:

Gewog:

Demkhong:

Dzongkhag:

Sl. No.	Name of Political Party	Provisional Votes (if any)	Total Votes as per EVM

Name:

Name:

Signature of Counting Supervisor

Signature of Counting Assistant

Date: DD / MM / YYYY

Date: DD / MM / YYYY

Signature of Counting Representatives:

1.

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4.

**Seal and Signature of
Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer (upon receipt)**



PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

**National Assembly Elections
General Elections**

Polling Station/Counting Centre

EVM Result Sheet

(To be submitted to the Returning Officer by the Presiding Officer as per section 18.6 of the EVM Rules and Regulations)

Name of Polling Station:

Polling Station Code:

Gewog:

Demkhong:

Dzongkhag:

Sl. No.	Name of Candidate	Political Party	VPIC No.	Provisional Votes (if any)	Total Votes as per EVM

Name:

Name:

Signature of Counting Supervisor

Signature of Counting Assistant

Date: DD / MM / YYYY

Date: DD / MM / YYYY

Signature of Counting Representatives:

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3.

4.

**Seal and Signature of
Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer (upon receipt)**



PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

National Assembly Elections
Primary Round

CONSOLIDATION OF EVM & POSTAL BALLOT RESULTS
(To be submitted to the National Results Center by the Returning Officer)

Dzongkhag:

Sl. No.	Name of Political Party	Votes as per EVM (A)	Votes as per Postal Ballot (B)	Total No. of Votes (A+B)

Name: **Name:**

Signature of Counting Supervisor

Seal & Signature of Assistant Returning Officer

Signature of Counting Representatives:

1. 2.

3. 4.



PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

**National Assembly Elections
General Elections**

CONSOLIDATION OF EVM & POSTAL BALLOT RESULTS
(To be submitted to the National Results Center by the Returning Officer)

Demkhong: **Dzongkhag:**

Sl. No.	Name of Candidate	Political Party	VPIC No.	Votes as per EVM (A)	Votes as per Postal Ballot (B)	Total No. of Votes (A+B)

Name: **Name:**

Signature of Counting Supervisor

Seal & Signature of Assistant Returning Officer

Signature of Counting Representatives:

1. 2.

3. 4.



PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

**National Assembly Elections
Primary Round**

**NATIONAL RESULTS CENTRE
FINAL RESULT SHEET FOR ALL DEMKHONGS**
(To be submitted to the Election Commission)

Sl. No.	Name of Political Party	Demkhong	Votes as per Postal Ballot	Votes as per EVM	Total Votes
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Compiled and cross checked by:

Name:

Name:

Designation:

Designation:

Signature:

Signature:

Seal & Signature of Election Result Coordinator

Date: DD / MM / YYYY **Time:**



PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

**National Assembly Elections
General Elections**

**NATIONAL RESULTS CENTRE
FINAL RESULT SHEET FOR ALL DEMKHONGS**
(To be submitted to the Election Commission)

Sl. No.	Name of Candidate	Political Party	Demkhong	VPIC No.	Votes as per Postal Ballot	Votes as per EVM	Total Votes
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Compiled and cross checked by:

Name:

Name:

Designation:

Designation:

Signature:

Signature:

Seal & Signature of Election Result Coordinator

Date: DD / MM / YYYY **Time:**



PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

**National Assembly Elections
Primary Round**

POSTAL BALLOT RESULT SHEET

Election to

Demkhong:

Dzongkhag:

Sl. No.	Name of Political Party	Total Postal Votes

Name of Counting Supervisor:

Seal and Signature:

Date: DD / MM / YYYY

Returning Officer

Seal and Signature

Date: DD / MM / YYYY



PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

**National Assembly Elections
General Elections**

POSTAL BALLOT RESULT SHEET

Election to

Demkhong:

Dzongkhag:

Sl. No.	Name of Candidate	Political Party	VPIC No.	Total Postal Votes

Name of Counting Supervisor:

Seal and Signature:

Date: DD / MM / YYYY

Returning Officer

Seal and Signature

Date: DD / MM / YYYY



PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

**National Assembly Elections
Primary Round**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULT OF POLL

Demkhong:

Date of Elections: DD / MM / YYYY

I,, being the Returning Officer for the *Demkhong*, do, hereby, under Section 461 of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2008 give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Political Party at the said Election is as follows:

Name of Political Party	Votes as per EVM	Votes as per Postal Ballot	Total Votes

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

Returning Officer



PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

**National Assembly Elections
General Elections**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULT OF POLL

Demkhong:

Date of Elections: DD / MM / YYYY

I,, being the Returning Officer for the *Demkhong*, do, hereby, under Section 461 of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2008 give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said Election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Political Party	VPIC No.	Votes as per EVM	Votes as per Postal Ballot	Total Votes (if elected the word 'ELECTED' to appear against the number of votes)

And, I, hereby, declare that is duly elected as the Representative of the *Demkhong* to the National Assembly of Bhutan.

Dated: DD / MM / YYYY

Returning Officer



PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

National Assembly Elections

Primary Round

To,

Chief Election Commissioner
 Election Commission of Bhutan
 Thimphu

Sub: CLEARANCE FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULT

Total valid votes polled	Valid votes polled by the First Political Party	Valid votes polled by the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Political Parties in percentages	Number of requests for recount	Unusual features found during the counting of votes	Number of complaints received	Number of complaints dealt

Your recommendations:

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Name of *Demkhong*: Name:

Polling Station No.:

Seal & Sig. of Returning Officer

Date: DD / MM / YYYY



PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

National Assembly Elections

General Elections

To,

Chief Election Commissioner
Election Commission of Bhutan
Thimphu

Sub: CLEARANCE FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULT

Total valid votes polled	Valid votes polled by the Returned Candidate	Valid votes polled by the second candidate in percentage	Number of requests for recount	Unusual features found during the counting of votes	Number of complaints received	Number of complaints dealt

Your recommendations:

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Name of *Demkhong*: Name:

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Annexure 7
Certificate of Election



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